

CodeRED now includes weather warning option

The City of Fairfield has expanded the use of the highly effective **CodeRED™** notification system to include urgent weather warnings impacting area neighborhoods. Residents, however, must register their telephone numbers with the service, even if they have already been receiving other urgent messages sent in the past.

The **CodeRED™** weather alerts are offered to Fairfield residents and business owners without charge. Residents are strongly encouraged to register for the free weather warning service.

Under the new weather alert service, the **CodeRED™** system would call thousands of numbers immediately upon a weather warning issued by the National Weather Service for a severe thunderstorm, flash flood or a tornado.

Unlike a weather radio, however, calls are made to telephone numbers associated with a specific address in a targeted area. While weather radios typically activate when any part of a county is included in a warning, the **CodeRED™** system will call only a select area impacted by an alert.

As an example, a tornado warning issued for Butler County based upon a path predicted to cross the northwestern corner of the county heading northeast would not be received by Fairfield



CodeRED™ subscribers. A warning for Hamilton County based upon a storm heading northeast across the northwestern corner of that county would be issued to Fairfield properties in the predicted path of the storm.

While the **CodeRED™** system is similar to a home weather radio, the calls would notify residents even when they are not near their home weather radio and will allow residents to be aware of weather dangers at all hours, even in the middle of the night when it may be difficult to hear weather sirens or when other sources of emergency messages, like radio or television, are turned off.

As new residents and businesses register telephone numbers with **CodeRED™**, they will automatically be set up for the weather notifications unless they uncheck the box on the registration form for the weather warnings.

There may be a few residents and businesses that have entered their phone numbers into the **CodeRED** database via the City's website after the new service became available in late November. Those phone numbers have been registered for the Weather Warning service unless the check box for that service was unchecked during the registration process.

In the event a subscriber receives alerts, but wishes to be removed from the service, a written request should be sent to the City of Fairfield, 5350 Pleasant Avenue, Fairfield, OH 45014. The request should include the phone number(s) to be removed from the weather warning database.

To re-register phone numbers to receive the **CodeRED™** Weather Warning calls, visit www.fairfield-city.org/safety/codered.cfm and click on the link to update contact information.

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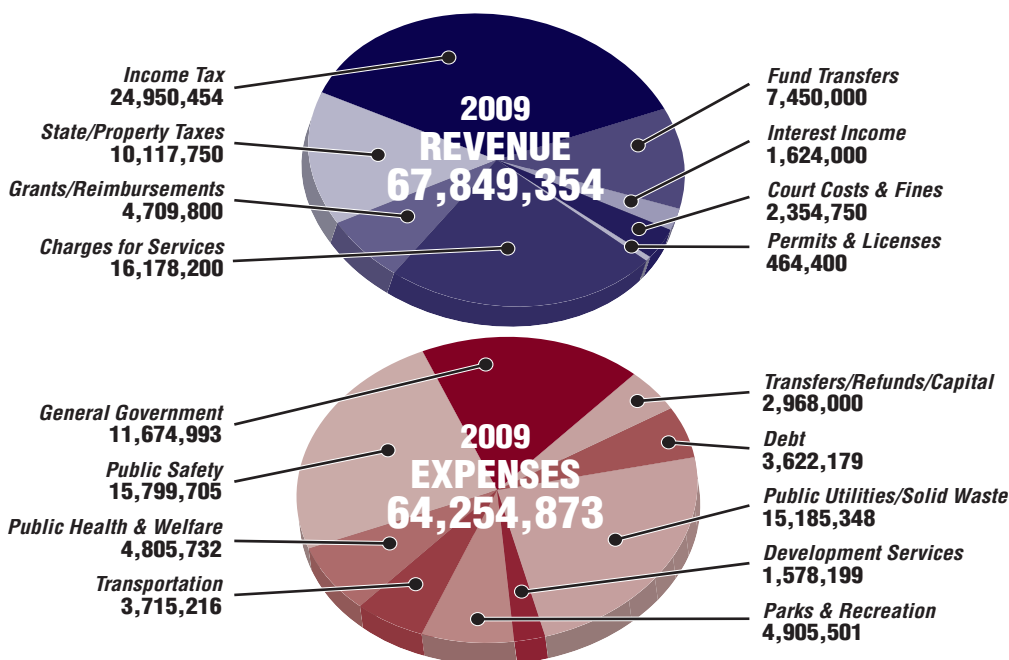
Council approves a cautious 2009 budget

With the nation in the midst of a serious recession, the City of Fairfield has taken a conservative fiscal stance in adopting an operating budget for 2009. City Council has approved an operating budget that anticipates spending \$64.2 million for City services during the year.

The budget does not include funding for planned capital improvements (such as replacing equipment or planned projects). Capital projects are part of a five-year budget, which is currently under review and will be presented in late March.

The operating budget projects revenue of \$67.8 million, providing a cushion of \$3.6 million in the event the nation's economy continues to slow.

Fairfield's largest revenue source is derived from the City's 1.5% income tax, which has been projected to hold constant during 2009. During normal years of national prosperity, local income tax revenues generally increase with



worker annual pay increases and businesses profitability.

decline significantly, spending plans would need to be altered.

City Council and administration plan to keep a watchful eye on income tax revenues so that adjustments can be made to the 2009 budget if the need arises. Should income tax revenues

Unlike the federal government, municipalities cannot operate in a deficit and — just as in a residential household — either need to cut spending or borrow money.

*You're
Invited...*

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings

While renovations are underway in City Council Chambers, the following meetings will be held at the Community Arts Center, 411 Wessel Drive:

City Council

2nd & 4th Mondays at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals

1st Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Held at the Fairfield City Building,
Pleasant Avenue & Wessel Drive:

Civil Service Commission

2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

Held at the Community Arts Center,
411 Wessel Drive:

Parks & Recreation Board

2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Environmental Resources and Community Forest Commission

1st Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission

2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Fairfield Income Taxes due April 15

Avoid the lines by filing early

Taxpayers can avoid the long lines by filing before the April 15 deadline. You may file your 2008 tax return as soon as you have all the required documents.

On-line Filing System expanded for 2008 filing:

City of Fairfield now offers taxpayers an on-line filing system that will allow taxpayers to complete their Fairfield return on line, and if you meet specific requirements you may be able to e-file your return. Tax forms and on-line filing system is now available on the City's website at <http://www.fairfield-city.org/Finance/tax/index.cfm>.

Who has to file?

All residents of the City of Fairfield (including retirees) who are 18 years or older (regardless of income) and those 16 years and older (if working) must file an income tax return. Avoid the lines by filing before April 15, 2009.

What has to be filed?

A valid individual return includes any

W-2s and/or schedules and original signature(s).

When should it be filed?

The City tax return must be received in the Fairfield Tax Office by April 15, unless a taxpayer requests an extension, which also must be filed by April 15. Extensions to file will only be granted to accounts in good standing.

Where is the Income Tax Office located?

The Income Tax Division is located in the Municipal Building Annex at 701 Wessel Drive.

Why does a return have to be filed?

Fairfield's mandatory filing ensures that all earnings, if any, are reported and any tax due is remitted to the City.

How can I get help?

The Income Tax Division can be reached at 867-5327 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will prepare your Fairfield return free of charge.

Ever thought of community service?

Upon his inauguration, President Barack Obama challenged Americans to become more involved with their government. Calling for a “new era of responsibility,” he asked each citizen to find ways to serve. For many, that challenge to serve can begin right here in Fairfield with a pledge to volunteer their talents in support of local government services.

On March 31, the following positions will open for volunteers to assume duties in a variety of capacities. Applicants must be residents of Fairfield and meet any specific qualifications noted for each position listed. Applications are available online or in the Clerk of Council’s Office at the Municipal Building. Applications must be received by February 13.

Questions regarding the following openings can be directed to the Clerk of Council’s Office by calling 867-5383:

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

One position available for a five-year appointment. The Board of Zoning Appeals hears appeals from zoning decisions and has the authority to grant zoning variances. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

One position available for a three-year appointment. The Civil Service Commission administers the Civil Service provisions of Ohio laws for classified employees of the City and school district. Three members serve on this Commission and, according to the Charter, not more than two members shall be registered to vote in a primary election of the same political party. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

CULTURAL ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Three positions available for a three-year appointment. The Cultural Arts Advisory Commission serves as an advisory group to the Parks & Recreation Board on matters which promote cultural arts activities within the City of Fairfield. The group also assists in promoting arts activities and solicitation of grants for arts programming. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.



ENVIRONMENT RESOURCES & COMMUNITY FOREST COMMISSION

Three positions available for a three-year appointment. The Environmental Resources & Community Forest Commission serves as an advisory group to the Parks & Recreation Board for the purpose of promoting environmental stewardship and the conservation of natural resources. The commission also promotes maintaining and increasing the amount of tree cover on public and private land in Fairfield by coordinating, initiating and publicizing activities that affect the community forest. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

FAIR HOUSING BOARD

Two positions available, each for a three-year term. Duties of the Fair Housing Board include investigation of complaints of unlawful housing practices, resolution of complaints, conducting hearings on matters under investigation, preparing written reports of its activities and recommendations to City Council, and recommendations — as needed — regarding educational and other programs designed to promote the purposes stated under Fair Housing regulations. Meetings are held as needed.

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Two positions available for a three-year appointment. One seat is appointed at-large, while the second available seat requires the applicant to be a resident of the Second Ward. Duties of the Parks and Recreation Board include determining programs and activities regarding parks

and recreation, authorization of monies and the awarding of contracts for the operation and maintenance of the City’s parks and recreation programs, the adoption of rules and regulations and systems of streets, boulevards, or parkways as the Board believes to be in the best interest of the efficient and orderly use and operation of the City’s parks and recreation areas. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Two positions available for a four-year appointment. Applicants must be a resident of the Second Ward or the Fourth Ward. Planning Commission responsibilities include the authorization of plans and maps, development and modifications to the Comprehensive Plan, the location and character of public utilities, the use and zoning of land, review of subdivision and other land development regulations, and development, redevelopment and renewal of the City. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6 p.m.

Application Deadline

February 13

Applications are available online at www.fairfield-ohio.org or in the Clerk of Council’s Office at the Municipal Building

5350 Pleasant Avenue

For more information, call 867-5383.

Utilities bills in 2009 reflect slight rate increase

For many years, the City of Fairfield has consistently been ranked among communities in southwest Ohio with the lowest cost water and sewer rates. In fact, out of 63 southwest Ohio area cities, Fairfield had the second lowest rates in the region for 2008.

Water and sewer rates are calculated so that utility bills not only pay for the cost of services, but also for expected major improvements to ensure the system continues to serve residents into the future. *(see story below)*

Because costs increase, water rates are reviewed and slightly adjusted every three to five years. During 2008, City Council introduced a four-year rate structure for water, sewer and trash services which included small increases

to offset higher costs of operation.

Even with the increases, Fairfield will continue to offer rates among the lowest in the region.

During 2009, residents will see a slight upward adjustment of rates as the four-year rate adjustment plan enters its second year.

The average utility bill in 2009 will increase \$2.42 to \$51.22 per month for 7,500 gallons of water. Utility bills include charges for water, sewer usage and trash collection.

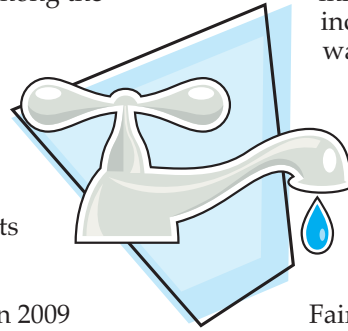
The new rates reflect a \$0.21 monthly

increase for the minimum charge for water, resulting in a minimum water charge of \$7.47. The minimum sewer charge will increase by \$0.48 to \$10.23; solid waste charges will increase by \$0.75 to \$9.54 per month.

While the rate structure includes the costs for operating the water and sewer systems, residents pay only a portion of the actual cost for trash collection.

Fairfield's annual cost for trash collection in 2009 is \$2.2 million, of which only \$1.5 million is covered by charges to each household on utility bills.

Similar slight adjustments in utility bills are planned for 2010 and 2011.



Hicks Manor Subdivision to get water line upgrade

As soon as the weather permits, crews will begin installation of a new, larger water line in areas of the Hicks Manor Subdivision. The project will replace the older water mains and provide upgrades for improved capacity and better fire protection.

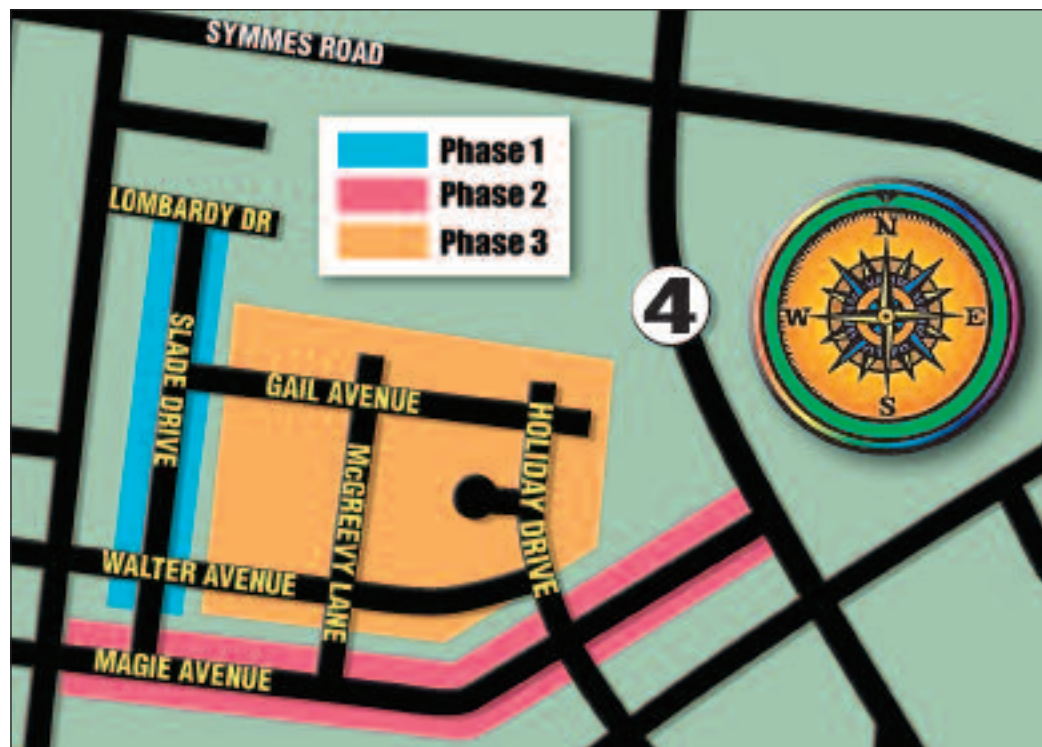
The project will include installation of a new 10-inch main on Magie Avenue from State Route 4 to Slade Drive. New installations in the City now require a minimum of an 8 inch main, with 6 inch mains for fire hydrant connections. Currently, the area of construction has a 6-inch water main, with 4-inch connections to hydrants.

The project also will involve installations along Slade Drive, where an 8-inch main will branch off the new line. The new main will be installed from Magie to Lombardy Drive.

New water mains will also be installed along Gail Drive, McGreevy Lane, the east end of Walter Avenue and the north end of Holiday Drive. Bids for that phase

of the project, however, have not yet been advertised.

The project will include new copper curb stops and curb boxes to be connected after the main is placed into service. All old hydrants will be removed after new ones are in service. All old valve boxes will be removed and filled in after the new main is in service.





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February 2009

City, Chamber join in Partnership

The City and the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce recently entered into a new partnership, with the goal of helping Fairfield businesses grow and prosper.

Under terms of the two-year contract approved by City Council in December, the City will become a Platinum Sustaining Sponsor of the Chamber. In exchange, the Chamber will assist the City with small business retention efforts and will help create and organize a business district program.

The business district program will begin first in the Route 4 corridor, and has the opportunity to expand to other districts throughout the city. More details about the Route 4 project will be unveiled this spring.

"The Fairfield Chamber is extremely excited about strengthening its relationship with the City," said Chamber President Kert Radel. "We think this partnership will benefit not only Chamber members, but also other businesses throughout the City."

Chipotle, GE Credit Union coming to SR 4

Construction is underway on two new commercial developments at Jungle Jim's International Market. Both projects are being built as new outlots at the corner of State Route 4 and Michael Lane, just north of the main entrance to Jungle Jim's.

General Electric Credit Union will occupy one of the buildings, a 4,000 square foot building, complete with an ATM and teller drive-thru lanes. G.E Credit Union is a full-service, not-for-profit financial cooperative that was chartered in 1954.

Also planned for the site is a new 15,000 square foot multi-tenant building, with Chipotle Mexican Grill as the first announced tenant.



The GE Credit Union under construction at State Route 4 and Michael Lane has the same design as the Credit Union's Loveland office, shown here.

The City assisted these new developments with the construction of a right turn lane from Route 4 onto Michael Lane. This new turn lane will accommodate customers of the

new stores and will help alleviate traffic delays that sometimes occur in the area.

Both businesses are expected to open later this year.

Investment in Fairfield increased in 2008

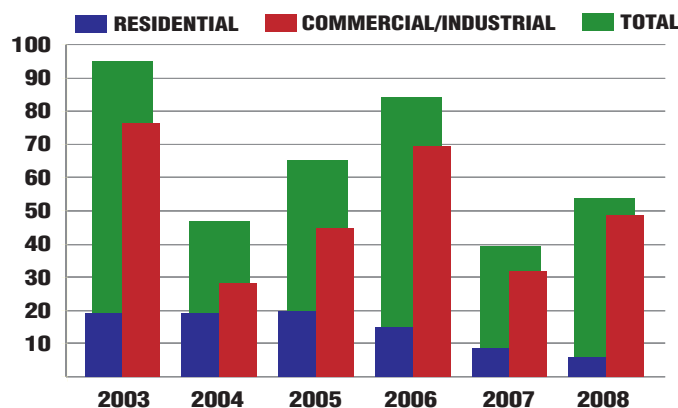
Despite the nation's recession, Fairfield is seeing an active level of construction, based on overall valuation of building permits. Fairfield is able to track

investments since each building permit lists the projected cost of each project.

Investment in residential projects

have trended downward, but commercial/industrial projects have actually increased when comparing 2008 with 2007 figures.

BUILDING PERMIT VALUATIONS 2003 - 2008



In 2008, all construction projects totaled \$54 million, compared to \$40 million in 2007. Commercial investment of \$47 million in 2008 outpaced both 2005 and 2007. Overall investment in Fairfield, including residential and commercial/industrial projects, have even outpaced total values in 2004.


There was \$6.5 million of residential investment in 2008 compared to 8 million dollars in investment in 2007.

UC Coach Brian Kelly to headline Chamber Dinner

University of Cincinnati Head Football Coach Brian Kelly will be the featured guest of the 53rd Annual Fairfield Chamber Commerce Dinner on March 4. The event is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. at Receptions Conference Center, 5975 Boyml Drive.

Coach Kelly has been Head Coach for the University of Cincinnati since December 2006. Prior to coming to UC, he was Head Football Coach at Central Michigan University.

Advance reservations are \$55 per person or \$400 for a table of eight.

Contact the Fairfield Chamber at 881-5500 for reservations or for more information. 

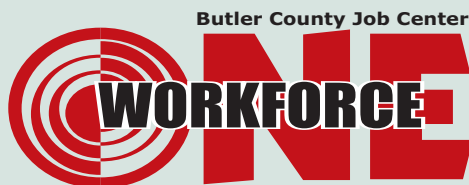
Numbers to Know

Building/Zoning: 513/867-5318
Customer Service: 513/867-5351
Development Services: 513/867-5345
Fire Prevention: 513/867-5379
Economic Development: 513/867-5345
City Income Tax: 513/867-5327
Utilities/Billing: 513/867-5370
General Info: 513/867-5300

Workforce One to offer employers free seminars

A series of free seminars have been planned for area employers. The series of programs is being offered by Workforce One of Butler County, a one-stop career center to connect job seekers with employers. Workforce One houses a number of agencies and organizations — all under one roof — which can help job seekers with all aspects of their job search.

The seminars will be offered at the Workforce One office, located at 4631 Dixie Highway. The office is in the Fairfield




Crossing Shopping Center between Sears Hardware and Goodwill. The February and March seminars will be from 8 a.m. to noon. To make a

reservation, contact Shirley Wiant at 785-6705 or shirley.wiant@development.ohio.gov. To receive a mailing detailing the content of upcoming seminars, email your company address.

In addition to these seminars, Workforce One offers employers a variety of supports to assist them with staffing needs. All services offered at the Workforce

Workforce One 2009 Seminars

February 19
Family Medical Leave Act
March 26
Prevailing Wage
April 30
Immigration Update
May 28
Bureau of Workers Compensation
June 18
USSERA/Federal Contract Compliance
Sept 24
Energize Ohio
Oct 29
Disability Awareness

One of Butler County are provided without charge. 

FOCUS ON: Stone Design

Stone Design LLC is a three-year old, locally owned and operated company that specializes in the design, fabrication and installation of granite, quartz and marble products.

Quartz countertops make up a majority of company business, but it also makes a wide variety of other custom stone products, including table tops, vanities, signs and awards.

Because of the custom nature of their work, customers include both individual homeowners and larger commercial accounts. Customers are encouraged to hand select their own stone. The stone is then custom cut on site via a computer guided laser by a 14-year industry veteran. The result is a durable, yet


Rock solid and forever



Mike Combs, co-owner of Stone Design, stands in front of product samples.

beautiful, one-of-a-kind addition to any room.

Mike Combs, company co-owner, says that what sets the company apart is its unmatched level of service. "We work hard for our reputation, and we stand behind every product we

install." The company is proud to be accredited by the Better Business Bureau and is a member of the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. 

Stone Design is located at 3120 Homeward Way (behind Mike's Express Car Wash) For more information, call (513) 860-5005 or visit www.cincigranite.com.



Upcoming Programs from Fairfield's Department of

Parks & Recreation

Visit us anytime at www.fairfield-city.org

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 Fairfield
Community Arts
Center

Fairfield Parks & Recreation Facilities



**1 Parks and Recreation Offices/
Community Arts Center**
411 Wessel Drive

2 Fairfield Greens South Trace Golf Course
(120 acres)
2200 John Gray Road

3 Fairfield Greens North Trace Golf Course (55 acres)
2605 Augusta Boulevard

4 Fairfield Aquatic Center (5 acres)
2605 Augusta Boulevard

5 William Harbin Park (212 acres)
1300 Hunter Road

6 Thomas O. Marsh Park (30 acres)
6440 River Road

**7 Gilbert Farms Park/
Elisha Morgan Farm Mansion** (10 acres)
6181 Ross Road

8 Fairfield Youth Playfields (10 acres)
4920 River Road

9 Point Pleasant Park (10 acres)
2001 Resor Road

10 Good Neighbors Park (5 acres)
960 Walter Avenue

11 Symmes Burial Grounds (1 acre)
(Access via Pleasant Run Creek Bike/Hike Path)

12 Veterans Memorial Park (1/2 acre)
701 Wessel Drive

13 Miami Chapel Cemetery (1/2 acre)
6210 River Road

14 Fairfield Youth Football Fields (10 acres)
4875 Groh Lane

15 Waterworks Park (10 acres)
5133 Groh Lane

16 Gateway Park (1/4 acre)
Pleasant Avenue/Wessel Drive

17 Miami-Erie Canal
Access via Gilmore Ponds Interpretative
Preserve/MetroParks of Butler County,
7950 Gilmore Road

18 Village Green Park (3 acres)
501 Wessel Drive

19 Village Green Plaza (1/4 acre)
Wessel Drive (across from Village Green Park)

20 Grange Park (20 acres)
268 Joe Nuxhall Way

21 Hamilton/Fairfield Skate Park (10 acres)
95 Joe Nuxhall Way/Joyce Park

22 Oakwood Park (23 acres)
Oak Tree Drive – West

23 Winton Hills Park (10 acres)
6251 Shearwater Drive

24 Lions Park (5 acres)
4982 Dennison Drive

25 Founders Park (1/2 acre)
756 Hicks Boulevard

26 Woodcreek Park (1/2 acre)
Augusta Boulevard/Woodcreek Drive

27 Muskopf Preserve (30 acres)
Muskopf Road – South

28 Village Valley Park (1/4 acre)
3353 Village Drive

29 Village Green Hillside Preserve (17 acres)
Village Green Subdivision

30 Pleasant Run Creek Bike Path
Trail Head behind Fairfield YMCA, 785 Nilles Road

31 Great Miami River Bike Path
Trail Head at Waterworks Park, 5133 Groh Lane

32 Miami-Erie Canal Bike Path
Trail Head at Rt. 747/Port Union Road

33 Marsh Park Bike Path
Trail Head at Marsh Park Bait House
6440 River Road

34 Harbin Park Bike Path
Trail Head at Harbin Park Upper Picnic Area
1300 Hunter Road

35 Fairfield Lane Library (5 acres)
1485 Corydale Drive

36 Black Bottom/Fair Play Park (30 acres)
River Road

37 Park Maintenance Building/Harbin Park
6147 Gray Road

SPECIAL/SEASONAL EVENTS

Mom and Me for Tea

This isn't a pretend tea party, but the real thing. Come dressed up in your Sunday best for tea (or coffee or punch), sandwiches and sweets. Children participate in their very own fashion show; please bring a written description of your daughter's outfit for the commentator to the Community Arts Center by January 30th. Space is limited so please make your reservations early!



Date	Day	Time	Fee
February 8	Sunday	1 - 3 pm	\$7

Location: Community Arts Center Community Room

Wine Tastings

Ever walk down the wine isle and wonder which wine is right for that special meal or party you are hosting? Join us for an evening of tasting wine so you can make that perfect selection for your special occasion. Hors d'oeuvres will be available throughout the evening. The tasting is limited to those at least 21 years of age. Previous wine tasting events have proven to be quite popular, so make your reservations early. Tasting menus will be available online at www.fairfield-city.org two weeks before each date. Make it a group outing, table reservations (8 people) are available for \$180.

Date	Day	Time	Fee
February 13*	Friday	7 - 9 pm	\$25 per person
March 13*	Friday	7 - 9 pm	\$25 per person
April 17*	Friday	7 - 9 pm	\$25 per person
May 8*	Friday	7 - 9 pm	\$25 per person

*Kids Night Out Available at the Community Arts Center (see page 18)

Location: Fairfield Greens South Trace Banquet Center (February), Community Arts Center Community Room (March, April & May)

Salsa Socials

Salsa Underground has created this series of socials that are all about dancing. The format of these events include the one hour Salsa class, open dancing, Salsa line dancing, Merengue dancing, Cha Cha Cha dancing, and Salsa Casino Rueda dancing. Experience is not a requirement to get in the door, just come early for the dance lessons and stick around to dance the night away with "DJ Aikon," the best DJ music in the Tri State.

The ladies of Fairfield would like to invite more men to this fun and exciting dance social. It is all about the dancing and is a great way to meet new people. A cash bar will be open with free snacks throughout the night. Please call ahead to let us know you are coming. To RSVP call 867-5348 and pay at the door.

Date	Day	Time
February 20	Friday	8 pm - 12 am
March 20	Friday	8 pm - 12 am
April 24	Friday	8 pm - 12 am
May 15	Friday	8 pm - 12 am

Fees: \$10 admission includes dance class 8 pm, \$5 after 9 pm (\$7/\$3 with student ID)

Location: Community Arts Center Community Room

Community Blood Drive

To ensure that adequate blood supplies are readily on hand for any emergency, the Community Blood Center, the City of Fairfield, and the Parks and Recreation Department are sponsoring a community blood drive at the Fairfield Community Arts Center, 411 Wessel Drive. Bagels from Panera Bread and other refreshments will be available to all donors. Schedule a time for your donation on the Blood Drive web site at www.donortime.com, or call the Parks office at (513) 867-5348.

Date	Day	Time
February 19	Thursday	11 am - 3 pm
April 22	Wednesday	10 am - 3 pm

Location: Community Arts Center

Mother/Son Dance: Luck of the Irish

Moms, aunts, grandmothers, & caregivers—can enjoy a special evening with their little boy (ages 3 - 15) on Saturday, March 7. The theme for this event is "The Luck of the Irish" and the room will be decorated with lucky leprechauns, clovers and a pot of gold. Moms and sons can wear their Irish best. Dancing to D. J. music, eating pizza, taking a keepsake photograph and making your own ice cream sundae will fill the evening with unforgettable memories for moms and sons both! Register early!



Date	Day	Time	Fee
March 7	Saturday	7 - 9 pm	\$7

Location: Community Arts Center Community Room

Birdhouse Workshop

Join the Fairfield Community Forest Commission for this annual workshop. Tim Coats of Wildbirds Unlimited will be on hand to discuss where exactly to place the birdhouse and what to expect thereafter. Space is limited, so register early to guarantee your kit. (Parents that accompany a child are not required to pay, unless they decide to build a birdhouse as well.)

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
March 17	Tuesday	6:30 - 8 pm	\$10/\$12

Location: Community Arts Center Classroom

Instructors: Environmental Resources & Community Forest Commission

More Seasonal Programs on next page

Celtic Arts Festival

MARCH 21 • NOON TO 5 PM

In conjunction with the One Stage Series presentation of Irish artist TOMMY SANDS, the FCAC presents an afternoon of Celtic music and FREE activities for the entire family. Children will enjoy a variety of crafts and games inspired by Celtic art and culture. Featured performance groups include Harper's Robin (Celtic harp) and the Highland Pipe and Drum of Miami University. Author/Artist Cindy Matyi conducts a workshop in Celtic Art and will be signing her children's book "Little Town of Spirals." All daytime activities FREE

Tommy Sands performs at 8 p.m. in the FCAC theatre

Tickets: \$15 Adult / \$12 Senior and Student



Arbor Day Seedling Giveaway

In celebration of Arbor Day, the Environmental Resources and Community Forest Commission will distribute FREE tree seedlings during the Home Improvement Expo on Saturday, April 4, 2009. The Home Improvement Expo takes place at Fairfield Community Arts Center on Wessel Drive and is open from 9 am to 3 pm.

Easter Extravaganza

Join the Fairfield Parks & Recreation Department and AurGroup Credit Union for the annual Easter Egg Extravaganza at Harbin Park. Visits and photographs with the Easter Bunny will be available, along with a jellybean-guessing contest, with plenty of prizes. Age group hunts are offered for Fairfield children 3 and under, 4 & 5 year olds, and 6 to 8 year olds.

Date	Day	Time	Fee
April 4	Saturday	11 am	FREE

Location: Harbin Park (upper shelter area)

THEATER

Home

WRITTEN BY SAMM-ART WILLIAMS

PRESENTED BY QUEEN CITY OFF BROADWAY

Produced on Broadway in 1979 and nominated for

"...HOME is a play from the heart, about the heartland of America—a play that all theatergoers should embrace."
— New York Times

"Williams can write naturally enough to charm the birds off the trees and this is a great and lasting gift." — New York Post

a Tony for Best Play, this brilliantly inventive, lyrically expressive play deals joyfully with the coming of age of a young black man from rural South Carolina.

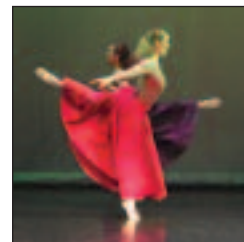


Date	Day	Time	Tickets (On sale February 2)
March 6	Friday	8 pm	\$12 Adult / \$10 Senior, Student
March 7	Saturday	8 pm	\$12 Adult / \$10 Senior, Student
March 8	Sunday	3 pm	\$12 Adult / \$10 Senior, Student

Messiah

PRESENTED BY MIAMI VALLEY BALLET THEATRE

MVBT's production of Messiah is a refreshing look at the life and passion of one of the most influential people known to have lived. With vibrant colors and innovative, classically-based movement, MVBT brings fresh meaning to the music of Handel's classic. Using musical arrangements ranging from classical to gospel, this production is sure to give renewed vision and strengthen the faith of those who witness it. Come and join us this spring as we celebrate hope!



Date	Day	Time	Tickets (On sale March 16)
April 17	Friday	7:30 pm*	\$12 Adult / \$8 Student
April 18	Saturday	7:30 pm	\$12 Adult / \$8 Student
April 19	Sunday	2:30 pm	\$12 Adult / \$8 Student

*Kids Night Out Available at the Community Arts Center (see page 18)

GALLERY/ART EXHIBITS

Obim: My Mind

SHOWING NOW THROUGH MARCH 7

Chukwuemeka Kene Chukwu studied arts at the University of Nigeria Enugu campus, where he obtained a BA in Fine and Applied Arts. Currently living in Dayton, he works as a freelance and experimental artist. Kene has a passion for lines, space, color and nature, all elements that strongly influence his work.

2009 Miami Regional Campus Faculty

OPENING MARCH 21 THROUGH MAY 9

Miami University instructors from the Hamilton and Middletown branches showcase a wide range of art. Everything from sculpture to painting to photography will be on display by these local educators. 2008 Artists included Andrew Au, Mike Hieber, Ed Montgomery, Jennifer Purdum, Ron Stevens, and Roscoe Wilson.



Opening reception: March 20 from 6pm to 8pm with light refreshments.



PLAN NOW TO ATTEND A FAIRFIELD TRADITION

Memorial Day Parade

MONDAY • MAY 25

Plan to participate in the City of Fairfield's 9th Annual Memorial Day Parade as a parade unit or a spectator along the route. Parade entry forms will be available at the Community Arts Center, 411 Wessel Drive, or forms can be submitted via the City's website at www.fairfield-city.org/parade. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

For more information, call Brad at 896-8407.

FAIRFIELD FOOTLIGHTERS

Fairfield's own Community Theatre, continues the 2008-09 Season at the Fairfield Community Arts Center.

Don't miss quality theatre in a great space that's close to home!

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$12 Adult / \$10 for Senior or Student



GODSPELL

February 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 at 8PM
February 22 & March 1 at 2PM

Perhaps best known for the song, "Day by Day," this Broadway hit is an extraordinary tale of people finding hope in the middle of a hopeless situation. Through songs such as "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord," "Turn Back, O Man," and "By My Side," the parables of Matthew and John come hearteningly to life.



spiritual

MOON OVER BUFFALO

May 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 at 8PM
May 24 & 31 at 2PM



Nothing less than a love letter to live theatre. An acting couple, who are not exactly the Barrymores, are on tour in Buffalo in 1953. Fate has given these thespians one more shot at starring roles when they learn director Frank Capra is en route to catch their matinee performance.



Auditions:
Mar 23 & 24
at 6:30

Mercy Hospital Fairfield presents

The Sojourner Concert Series 2009

Tickets:
\$30 Orchestra
\$25 Stadium

Poco

Friday, February 6 at 8PM



Poco was one of the first groups to pioneer Country-Rock music. The harmonies and instruments of Country mixed with Rock and Roll rhythms paved the way for super groups like the Eagles. Their influence runs deep in both Country and Pop music. The band was originally formed by Richie Furay and Jim Messina following the demise of Buffalo Springfield in 1968. A favorite of FM stations in the early 1970s, Poco was considered to be a highly innovative and entertaining band.

Roger McGuinn

Saturday, March 14 at 8PM

Along with David Crosby and Gene Clark, McGuinn founded



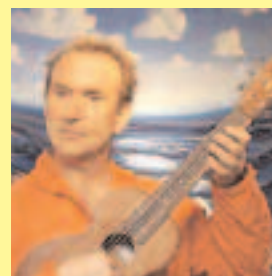
the **Byrds** in 1964, one of the most influential bands of the '60s. Hits included "Mr. Tambourine Man" and "Turn, Turn, Turn." Since the Byrds disbanded in 1973, McGuinn has pursued his dream of a solo career, making five solo albums on Columbia Records.

Sojourner sponsors:
Mercy Hospital Fairfield
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Colin Hay

Friday, April 24 8PM



Colin Hay, a British musician, made his mark during the '80s as lead vocalist of the Australian band **Men at Work** and now performs as a solo artist.

Following the breakup of Men at Work in 1985, Hay released several major label solo albums, including Looking for Jack (Columbia) and Wayfaring Sons (MCA). In 2002 Hay appeared as the Troubadour in the Scrubs episode "My Overkill", and in 2004 he contributed to the Garden State soundtrack with his solo song "I Just Don't Think I'll Ever Get Over You".

All proceeds benefit
Sojourner Recovery Services, Inc.



Wanna go out Tonight?

EnterAct Family Series

something for all ages!

All shows:
\$7 Adult, \$5 Child



The Great Kaplan

April 25 at 7PM

Virtuoso juggler, magician, inventor, musician, physical comedian - - all wrapped up in one eccentric performer. The Great Kaplan invites you into the humor, whether he's juggling bean bag chairs, playing a melody on "concert balloon," or levitating a bowling ball! Kaplan's preposterous blend of dazzling skill and shameless gimmickry is sure to amaze and tickle your funny bone.



Dan Karlsberg Group

February 8 at 3PM

Dan Karlsberg is a rising star on the Cincinnati jazz scene with a musically exciting approach to Jazz. With the Group, he creates an energy of tempo and improvised style. He was recently nominated in the Jazz category of the 2008 Cincinnati Entertainment Awards. With Sandy Suskin, alto sax & flute, Marc Fields, trombone, Garin Webb, tenor sax, Jim Anderson, bass, and Anthony "T" Lee, on drums.

Jazz Alive! Series

keeping jazz alive in Fairfield

All shows:
\$12 Adult
\$10 Senior or Student

Eugene Goss & Triage

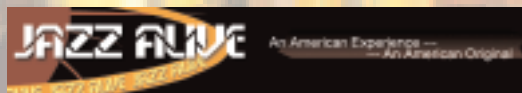
April 5 at 3PM

Eugene Goss is one of Cincinnati's treasures. Winner of the Cammy Award for Best Jazz Vocalist in 2002 and voted best jazz artist in 2004 by CityBeat magazine, Eugene's voice is boundless. His style reflects a range from Satchmo to Miles and Sinatra to Pavarotti. Joining Goss is keyboardist Billy Larkin, a veteran of the Cincinnati music scene and winner of the Cammy Award for Best Jazz Instrumentalist in 2003.



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**Influences:
The Motown Greats**

February 7 at 8PM
(rescheduled from Nov 8)

Top emerging singer / songwriters Chinua Hawk and Chris Cauley showcase classic audience favorites from Motown artists like Stevie Wonder, Smoky Robinson, and Marvin Gaye. These amazing young artists bring a fresh approach to some familiar classics and then bring the house down.

Robin Spielberg

February 14 at 8PM

An evening of Love Songs just in time for Valentine's Day!

Named to the prestigious Steinway Artist Roster, Robin Spielberg is one of America's most popular contemporary female pianist/composers. Her fifteen CD's include holiday recordings, romantic standards and Broadway favorites. "Moonlight and Love Songs" is a mesmerizing evening of extraordinary piano, inspired tales from the bench, and a truly heartfelt performance perfect for your Valentine.

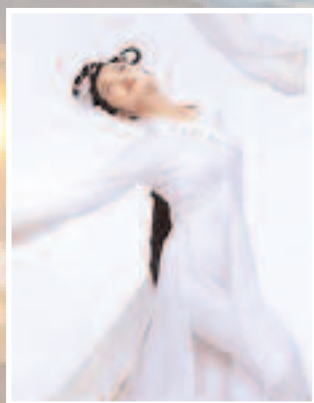


**Yu Wei
Chinese
Dance Collection**

May 2 at 8PM

Yu Wei is celebrated throughout China as a dancer and choreographer. Yu Wei's Chinese Dance Collection combines exquisite dance with film vignettes depicting not only the stories behind the dances but also Yu Wei's life as one of China's premiere dancers. Experience the beauty of authentic costumes, the wonder of the

cinematic vignettes, and most of all, Yu Wei's elegant and unique artistry.



**One Stage
Series**

many voices, one stage

**All shows:
\$15 Adult
\$12 Senior or Student**

Tommy Sands, County Down's singer, songwriter and social activist, has achieved something akin to legendary status in his own lifetime.

Many locals may remember Sands from the 2007 Cincinnati Celtic Festival. Now hear

the musical talent that runs through the family as Tommy is joined onstage by his daughter Moya and son Fionan. The family's easy traditional folk artistry takes on the charming character of a true Irish ceili, an event where music sessions can run well into the wee hours.



**Tommy
Sands**

March 21
at 8PM

Celtic Arts Festival - Noon to 5PM

In conjunction with this performance, enjoy an afternoon of Celtic music and free activities for the entire family. Featured groups include Harper's Robin and the Highland Pipe and Drum of Miami University. Author/Artist Cindy Matya will be on hand to sign her book "Little Town of Spirals."

**Tickets and information
for all performances
call 513-867-5348
or visit our website at
www.fairfield-city.org**

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FAIRFIELD PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

Have your birthday party at the Community Arts Center

Make your child's birthday special with a party package at the Fairfield Community Center. Plan an Ice Cream Sundae Party or Pizza Party, then add on a workshop to take your celebration to new heights. Reserve your party by calling the Community Arts Center at 867-5348.

(Please note that all prices are subject to change)

Party Packages

Ice Cream Sundae Party

This option includes a cupcake cake, vanilla ice cream (*with whipped cream and cherries!*), your choice of one syrup, and four toppings, and a drink. The event includes party supplies (*cups, utensils, plates, napkins, etc.*), a party attendant, 1½ hour facility rental, and a special gift for the guest of honor. Best of all, we clean up after the party.

Syrup (Pick 1)	Toppings (Pick 4)	Drinks
Chocolate	Chocolate Chips	Fruit Punch
Strawberry	Butterscotch Chips	
Carmel	Peanut Butter Cup	
	Sprinkles	
	Heath Chips	
	M&Ms	
	Nuts	
	Oreos	

Number of Guests	Up to 8	9-16	17-24	25-32
	\$125	\$145	\$165	\$185

Each additional guest is \$4

Pizza Party

We'll toss in a fresh, piping hot pizza with one topping from Fairfield Pizza, then serve up a cupcake cake, vanilla ice cream and drinks (*fruit punch*). The cost includes party supplies (*cups, utensils, plates, napkins, etc.*), a party attendant, 1½ hour facility rental, and a special gift for the guest of honor. Best of all, we clean up after the party.

Number of Guests	Up to 8 (2 Pizzas)	9-16 (3 Pizzas)	17-24 (4 Pizzas)	25-32 (5 Pizzas)
	\$160	\$180	\$210	\$240

Each additional guest is \$4

Customized Add-ons

In addition to the standard packages, you can customize your party to include a special theme, add games & prizes, and/or pick a craft activity.

Choose Your Own Decorations: For an additional \$35 you can pick your own theme for your party decorations, plates, napkins, and cake for 8 guests. An additional \$10 for each additional 8 guests.

Games with Prizes: For an additional \$35, your party can enjoy two age appropriate games with prizes, lead by our party attendant.

Party Favor Bags: For an additional \$3.50 per bag, we will create goody bags for your entire party. Bags include candy and other small prizes with a general birthday theme.

Craft: For an additional \$2 per person, your guest can get creative with one age appropriate craft. This activity, lead by our attendant, makes for great party favors that your guests can take home.

Workshop Add-ons

All workshops require a minimum of 8 guests (age 6 and up) and require a non-refundable \$30 set up fee due at time of booking. A list of projects for all workshops are available upon requests.

Pottery: For an additional \$6 per person, your party will receive 1 hour in our Art Studio (with instructor) painting a ceramic tile or hand building their own seasonal project out of clay. Projects will be ready for pick up approximately 2 weeks after party.

Edible Art: For an additional \$6 per person, your party will receive 45 minutes of instructor lead fun creating edible masterpieces.

Woodworking: For an additional \$7 per person, your party will receive 45 minutes of instructor lead fun utilizing tools to complete a wooden project for the kids to take home.

Jewelry Making: For an additional \$6 per person, guests can enjoy 1 hour of instructor lead fun making cool beads out of clay and then designing your own necklace or bracelet.

Noah's Ark Animal Workshop: For an additional \$15 per person, guests can enjoy 1 hour of fun with Karla Arnold, professional workshop leader, bring a cuddly stuffed animal to life by hand stuffing it, filling it with a rainbow wish star and naming it with a birth certificate. Clothes and other items can be ordered for an additional cost.

Bella Bee Workshop: "The Ultimate Traveling Glamour Girls Workshop"- For an additional \$15 per person, girls of all ages can enjoy this positive, character building, glamour girl makeover lead by professional workshop leader, Karla Arnold. During the workshop, girls will create trendy shimmer and shine looks on the outside while learning the importance of beauty that comes from within. Each guest will receive a Glitter Glam basic package including 4 standard Glitter Glam products (eye gel, body glitz, lip gloss, and nail polish) a fashion accessory, Bella Bee Glam Bag and Pledge Card. The Birthday Queen will receive a photo keepsake book.

Themed Packages

Take the party over the top with a themed party that includes themed invitations, decorations, plates, napkins, cake and party favors for children 12 and under. (Package prices are for up to 16 guests, unless otherwise noted. Additional guests are \$4 per person.)

Choose Your Own Theme Party (all ages): For an additional \$75, you choose a theme and we will design a party especially for your birthday boy or girl. This party package includes theme decorations, party supplies and 2 games with prizes lead by our birthday party attendant.

Hocus Pocus Party (all ages): For an additional \$200, your guests will experience magic like never before. Charlie Cadabra, the Magician will complete a 40 minute interactive, hands on magic show that is out of this world. Each guest will receive a goody bag that includes a magic hat and wand. This party includes 1 additional hour in the Children's Room.

Carnival Party (all ages): For an additional \$75, your guests will be entertained they entire party by playing 2 carnival games (with prizes) and creating their own spin art as a party favor. This party includes an additional ½ hour in the Children's Room.

Cooking Up Fun Party (ages 4 and up): For an additional \$150, children will get a chance to get messy while having fun cooking their own pizza and decorating their own birthday cupcake. Each guest receives an apron and chef hat as a party favor. This party includes ½ additional hour in the Children's Room.

Fireman Fiesta (all ages): For an additional \$100, Your party comes complete with one firefighter themed game with prizes, a picture frame craft, and a fire truck piñata. Every child will take home a goody bag that includes a fire hat and badge! To make this event special we can make arrangements for Fairfield Fire Department staff (if available) to bring a fire pumper to the CAC for a show-and-tell for the kids.

Princess Party (ages 3 and up): For an additional \$75 your child's dreams can come true. Your party will come complete with 2 games with prizes that any princess would love to play. Each guest will also to decorate their own princess wand and tiara. We won't forget the bling bling, which will be included in a goody bag for each guest.

Calling all Superheroes (ages 3 and up): For an additional \$75 your child can become a Superhero. Guests of your party will create their own superhero's mask. This super fun birthday party package also includes one Superhero game (with prizes) and goody bags full of superhero accessories.

Jumbie Jam (ages 5 and up): For an additional \$200, you and your guests can get bitten by the Pan Jumbie! This unique party experience provides fun and excitement for all! Your child and his/her friends will be transported to the Caribbean Islands while learning how to play actual steel drums! Party package includes games, hands-on experience playing pan with authentic Caribbean music, each guest will go home with a goody bag full of island treasures. (Up to 10 guests)

KidzArt Party (all ages): For an additional \$150, your party will be guided by a certified KidzArt instructor through an exciting art extravaganza. Each guest will get to take home their very own colorful masterpiece. Projects to choose from are painted piggy banks, book, marbleizing, drawing Project, canvas tote bag or painting on a canvas board. All art supplies are included and the birthday boy/girl receives their very own KidsArt T-shirt. This party includes an additional hour in the children's room (Up to 12 guests, additional guest are \$8)

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

AGES 3-6

S.M.A.R.T.I.E.S

SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE • MATH • ART • READING • TOGETHER IN AN • EDUCATIONAL • SURROUNDING

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR SMARTIES PROGRAM.

This is a preschool program that meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 1-3 at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. We follow the Fairfield City school calendar. One of the things that make us unique is, each week your child is worked with individually on their level. For further information please contact Lori Haven at 896-8410 or lhaven@fairfield-city.org.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

Toddler Time

AGE 2

Mom or Dad (any caregiver) can enjoy a special time with their child making crafts and playing games, while children also learn important socialization skills with others the same age. *No class 3/30.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 23 - Apr 6	M	10 - 11 am	\$35/\$40
Spring	Apr 13 - May 18	M	10 - 11 am	\$35/\$40

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Laurie Brown

Creative Kids

Preschoolers will enjoy arts and crafts, music and physical activities in this Creative Kids class. Children will enjoy lots of coloring, cutting and pasting as they explore their creativity. *No class 3/30.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 23 - Apr 6	M	1 - 2:30 pm	\$40/\$45
Spring	Apr 13 - May 18	M	1 - 2:30 pm	\$40/\$45

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Laurie Brown

Nothing kills a program faster...

than waiting for the last minute to register. The decision to cancel a class due to low enrollment is usually made the week before the session begins. Registering late may mean the class had already been cancelled.

Don't wait too long to register!



Open Preschool Art Time

Children will enjoy stories presented by the Fairfield Lane Public Library and then get their creative juices flowing by using different art materials. Parents are required to stay.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 20 - Mar 27	F	10 - 11 am	\$12/\$15
Spring	Apr 17 - May 22	F	10 - 11 am	\$12/\$15

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Lori Haven

DANCE AND FITNESS

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

Twirl, Dance & Pom I

AGES 4-7

This spirit combination class will use music and dance to introduce students to baton twirling, dance and pom. Students will learn basic baton twirling skills and terminology, along with a simple dance routine to demonstrate the coordination of baton and dance skills. Students will also learn a pom routine. Emphasis is having fun! Batons may be rented from instructor for a \$15 refundable deposit or may be purchased from the instructor for \$26.50 on the first day of class.



Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 26 - Mar 26	Th	4:30 - 5:15 pm	\$35/\$40*
Spring	Apr 9 - May 14	Th	4:30 - 5:15 pm	\$42/\$47

*5 week session

Location: Community Arts Center Basement

Instructors: Machel Stiehl

EDUCATION

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

Now I know my ABCs

This class is packed full with entertaining activities for children to learn not only recognizing their ABCs but start to learn to write them too. Each week will be different letters and we will do a craft to help with motor skills too. *No class on 3/31.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 24 - Mar 6	T	10 - 11 am	\$35/\$40

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Stephanie Hocter

Children's Choir

Does your preschooler love to sing? Then this class is for them. Come join us in learning some new songs and then performing them. Location is to be determined. Last year we performed at Northgate Mall. *No class 3/31.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 24 - Apr 7	T	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	\$35/\$40

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Stephanie Hocter

Tots Cooking and Eating Story Time

After reading an exciting story, your child will make the story come to life. Spreading, cutting and measuring are some of the concepts the children will use to make their edible creations. *No class 4/1.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 25 - Apr 8	W	10 - 11 am	\$40/\$45
Spring	Apr 15 - May 20	W	10 - 11 am	\$40/\$45

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Missy Burns

Discovering the Animal Kingdom

This class takes children exploring through the exciting animal kingdom. It involves a lesson about different animals each class, and is full of whimsical and playful activities to enhance children's fine and gross motor skills. *No class 4/2.*



Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 26 - Apr 9	Th	10 - 11 am	\$35/\$40

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Missy Burns

Numbers and Shapes

Recognizing, sorting, patterns and counting numbers and shapes are some of the activities that will be taught in this class.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Spring	Apr 14 - May 19	T	10 - 11 am	\$35/\$40

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Stephanie Hocter

Ewwy Goey Science

Your little mad scientist will enjoy this six week class of measuring, mixing, and creating all kinds of science experiments.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Spring	Apr 14 - May 19	T	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	\$40/\$45

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Stephanie Hocter

Reading Rascals

AGES 4-6

This class is packed full with entertaining activities for children to work on their pre-reading skills. We focus lessons involving rhyming words, blending and separating letter sounds and beginning book concepts. By working on these skills early your child is increasing their chances of being a better reader. Your child must recognize their letters.



Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Spring	Apr 15 - May 20	W	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	\$35/\$40

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Stephanie Hocter

POTTERY CLASSES

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

Fun with Clay

AGES 4 TO 6

This class is designed for children to have fun and express their creativity. The children are taught various hand building techniques and learn to form decorative or functional pieces while having a good time. Fee includes all clay, glazes, and firings. *No class 3/31.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 24 - Apr 7	T	1:30 - 2:30 pm	\$45/\$50
Spring	Apr 14-May 19	T	1:30 - 2:30 pm	\$45/\$50

Location: Art Studio

Instructor: Kevin & Maggie Carpenter

WORKSHOPS/SEASONAL CLASSES

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Mothers Day

Pottery Workshop

Children will paint a piece of pottery that will make a great gift for mom or a grandmother to treasure for years to come. Fee includes all materials.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
April 18	Saturday	11 am - 12 pm	\$20/\$25

Location: Community Arts Center Art Studio

Instructor: Kevin & Maggie Carpenter

Preschool Spring Pottery

Workshop with Parents

Parents and child will have fun creating and painting their own unique bugs and also make a flower candy dish. Fee includes all materials.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
May 9	Saturday	10:30 - 11:30 am	\$30/\$35

Location: Community Arts Center Art Studio

Instructor: Kevin & Maggie Carpenter

Preschool Fathers Day

Pottery Workshop

What Father wouldn't want a specially painted one of a kind gift from their child. The children will paint a piece of pottery to make it their own to give to their father or grandfather as a Father's day gift? Fee includes all materials.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
May 23	Saturday	10:30 - 11:30 am	\$20/\$25

Location: Community Arts Center Art Studio

Instructor: Kevin & Maggie Carpenter

More Preschool/Kindergarten Programs on next page

Storytime/Pottery

AGES 4-6

After Storytime presented by the Fairfield Lane Public Library, children will get ceramic pieces to paint and also bring the stories to life with self hardening clay.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
April 17	Friday	1 - 2:00 pm	\$13/\$15

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room/Pottery Studio

Instructor: Kevin & Maggie Carpenter

Storytime/Edible Art

After Storytime, presented by the Fairfield Lane Public Library, children will create edible seasonal art masterpieces.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
February 13	Friday	1 - 2:30 pm	\$13/\$15

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Melinda Cromer

Dough, Dough and More Dough

Come join us in this new and exciting workshop. We will knead different types of playdoh. Some that are even edible.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
February 17	Tuesday	10 - 11:30 am	\$13/\$15

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Stephanie Hocker

**Some recipes may use peanut butter*

The Magic in Me

Abracadabra! Come and have some fun in this new workshop and learn a trick or two. Your child will come home with a magic hat and wand to make him/her look like a real Magician.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
February 18	Wednesday	10 - 11:30 am	\$13/\$15

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Missy Burns

Under the Big Top

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND WITH NEW ACTIVITIES

Ladies and Gentleman. Boys and Girls. May we have



your attention in the center ring. Now performing in our Children's Room will be preschoolers having fun. The days activities will focus on a circus theme. Lots of crafts, games and fun activities will be enjoyed by all.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
March 13	Friday	1 - 2:30 pm	\$13/\$15

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Stephanie Hocker

The Bunny Hop

Here comes Peter Cotton Tail. This new fun filled workshop will be a memory your child will never forget. Come and enjoy crafts, egg hunt and lunch with the Easter Bunny. Limited Space so register early.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
March 27	Friday	12 - 1:30 pm	\$13/\$15

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Missy Burns

How Does Your Garden Grow?

AGES 3-6

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND WITH NEW ACTIVITIES

Does your child like to help you in the garden? Than, "How Does Your Garden Grow" is the class for them!

They will learn techniques of gardening as they plant and grow their own flowers! So come and join us on our growing experience.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
May 8	Friday	1 - 2:30 pm	\$13/\$15

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Stephanie Hocker

Kids Night Out

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

AGES 3 - 10

Parents can enjoy a relaxing evening out while their children ages 3 - 10 years old are having fun in our Children's Room. Kids will enjoy dinner (Pizza will be served at 7 pm), playing games, arts and crafts and a movie. Children must be potty trained. All participants must be registered by 4 pm on Friday.

Date	Day	Time (or after the show)	R/NR Fee
February 6	F	6 - 10 pm	\$10/\$12
February 13	F	6 - 10 pm	\$10/\$12
February 20	F	6 - 10 pm	\$10/\$12
March 13	F	6 - 10 pm	\$10/\$12
April 17	F	6 - 10 pm	\$10/\$12
May 8	F	6 - 10 pm	\$10/\$12

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructors: CAC Staff

YOUTH PROGRAMS AGES 6-12

SMART CLUB

2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

The Community Arts Center offers an after school art club which children in grades K-4 can experience the Arts. SMART (Students making ART) Club runs Monday through Friday from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. taking on a variety of projects that varies from pottery, painting, woodworking, edible art, youthful Yoga, theater and more. Snack time, field trips, homework and free time are also incorporated. Bus service is available for residents attending Fairfield Kindergarten Center (PM ONLY), Fairfield South Elementary and Parochial Schools. Registration is now being accepted and a deposit of \$80 is required to reserve your child's place. Information packets are available at the Community Arts Center front desk.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
2008-09 school year	M - F	3 - 6 pm	\$40/\$45

Art Extravaganza

AVAILABLE WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT!

Students in grades K-4 can come to the Community Arts Center on their days off of school (i.e. Teacher's In-service days and holidays). Student will enjoy a full day of art projects, games and fun! Students need to bring a sack lunch everyday. Afternoon snack is provided.

Date	School	Time	R/NR Fee
February 16	Fairfield/Sacred Heart	7 am - 6 pm	\$30/\$35
March 27	Sacred Heart	7 am - 6 pm	\$30/\$35
May 1	Sacred Heart	7 am - 6 pm	\$30/\$35

Fairfield Spring Break Camp

Students in grades K-5 can have fun during their break doing Spring themed arts and crafts, games, movies with tentative field trips to Coco Keys, Fairfield Pizza, Fairfield Bowling Lanes and much more at the Community Arts Center. Students need to bring a sack lunch everyday. Afternoon snack is provided. All trips are subject to change.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Daily Trip
Mar 30	M	7 am - 6 pm	\$35/\$40*	Fairfield Lanes
Mar 31	T	7 am - 6 pm	\$35/\$40*	Fairfield Pizza
Apr 1	W	7 am - 6 pm	\$35/\$40*	Pottery at CAC
Apr 2	Th	7 am - 6 pm	\$35/\$40*	Indoor Lunar Golf
Apr 3	F	7 am - 6 pm	\$35/\$40*	Movies at Cinema
Apr 10	F	7 am - 6 pm	\$35/\$40*	Coco Keys Waterpark

* Sign up for all six camp trips for \$150 (\$155 for non resident)

Sacred Heart Spring Break Camp

Students in grades K-5 can have fun during break doing Spring themed arts and crafts, games, movies, field trip to Coco Keys, Fairfield Pizza, Fairfield Bowling Lane and more at the Community Arts Center. Students must bring a sack lunch everyday. Afternoon snack is provided. All trips subject to change.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Daily Trip
Apr 10	F	7 am - 6 pm	\$35/\$40*	Coco Keys Waterpark
Apr 13	M	7 am - 6 pm	\$35/\$40*	Fairfield Lanes
Apr 14	T	7 am - 6 pm	\$35/\$40*	Fairfield Pizza
Apr 15	W	7 am - 6 pm	\$35/\$40*	Pottery at CAC
Apr 16	Th	7 am - 6 pm	\$35/\$40*	Indoor Lunar Golf
Apr 17	F	7 am - 6 pm	\$35/\$40*	Movies at Cinema

* Sign up for all six camp trips for \$150 (\$155 for non resident)

ARTS AND CRAFTS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sewing for Kids

If you already know how to use a machine but don't know how to read a pattern or you just want to sew with some friends, then this class is for you. Fee includes all materials. *No class 3/31.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 24 - Apr 7	T	6 - 8 pm	\$70/\$75

Location: Classroom

Instructor: Melinda Timmester

Adult/Child Cake Decorating



WILTON COURSE #1

Join us in this 6 week class and learn how to make homemade icing and learn the basic techniques to decorate your cakes while bonding with your child. Star and shell borders along with drop flowers and leaves are some of the techniques you will be learning. A supply list will be provided on the first day of class.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Spring	Apr 14 - May 19	T	6 - 8 pm	\$60/\$65

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Melinda Cromer

American Sign Language/Youth Continuation

AGES 7 - 12

This fun and interactive class for beginners will teach basic American Sign Language vocabulary that can be used in everyday situations. The class will include the following topics: manners, family and friends, celebrations, holidays and many others. *No class on April 1.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 25 - Apr 8	W	4:30 - 5 pm	\$30/\$45
Spring	Apr 15 - May 20	W	4:30 - 5 pm	\$30/\$45

Location: CAC Basement

Instructor: Heather Hudak

Video Game Design

AGES 10 AND UP

Take your own video game idea from its first steps right up to the final stages before production. You will learn how to design your own character, create their story, map out game levels and more!

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Spring	Apr 13 - May 18	M	6 - 8 pm	\$50/\$55

Location: Community Arts Center Classroom

Instructor: Danielle Tipler

Fashion Illustration

AGES 10 AND UP

Discover the fashion designer in you. This class will help you discover inspiration, develop observation techniques, and create fashion drawings in both color and black-and-white media.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Spring	Apr 15 - May 20	W	6 - 8 pm	\$50/\$55

Location: Community Arts Center Classroom

Instructor: Danielle Tipler

More Youth Programs on next page

ARTS AND CRAFTS WORKSHOPS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Easter Cake Decorating Class

Come join us in this 2 hour workshop to learn how to decorate your very own Easter cake that you can share with your family and friends. All materials are included for each child to take home their own masterpiece.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
April 3	Friday	6 - 8 pm	\$15/\$17

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Melinda Cromer

Spring Bead Workshop

Start with balls of colored clay and design a one of a kind spring bracelet and necklace to match your Sunday best. This project would make a great addition to your Easter outfit.



Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
March 27	Friday	6:30 - 8 pm	\$15/\$17

Location: Community Arts Center Classroom

Instructor: Missy Burns

String Art Masterpiece

With just wood, nails and string children learn how to create a wonderful piece of art with a Spring theme

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
March 13	Friday	6 - 8 pm	\$15/\$17

Location: Classroom

Instructor: Missy Burns and Stephanie Hocter

GIRL SCOUT WORKSHOPS

Girl Scout Workshops are now being offered at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Brownie Try-its and Junior Badges can be earned in one day. See the list below for the programs that are being offered as of now. If there is one you don't see and want to do, we can create it for you. For more information, contact Lori Haven at 896-8410.

Brownies	Juniors
Dancercise	Sew Simple
Eat Right, Stay Healthy	Ceramics and Clay
Make it, Eat it	"Making Hobbies"
Stitch It Together	Theater
Let's Pretend	The Choice is Yours
Computer Smarts	Looking Your Best
Senses	Safety
Point, Click, and Go	Science Sleuth
Science Wonders	Yarn and Fabric
Science in Action	Sounds of Music
Friends Are Fun	
Making Music	
Puppets, Dolls and Plays	
Manners	
Colors and Shapes	
Numbers and Shapes	

Junior Workshop- Looking Your Best

Want to earn a badge on your own. Then come join us in this one day workshop for the badge "Looking Your Best." Troop leaders can bring your whole troop, too. Limited space, so register early. All supplies are included to earn the whole Try-It

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
February 21	Saturday	10 am - 12 pm	\$8

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Lori Haven

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Jumbie Jam Performers

AGE 8-12

In this ongoing performing group, students learn to play songs and perfect performing skills on the Jumbie Jam, a child-sized steel drum, also called a pan. In the past, this unique group has performed at the Waterford, Holly Days, Ronald McDonald house, at the Glenwood Gardens Park and opened for the Miami Steel Drum Band during the summer concert series. The prerequisite for this class is prior participation in a Jumbie Jam class or the Summer Jumbie Jam Camp. Please contact the directors with any questions.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Feb 12 - Apr 9	Th	5:15 - 6 pm	\$65/\$70

Location: Classroom

Instructor: Angela Leonhardt

Group Guitar Lessons/Beginner

AGE 10 AND UP

Interested in learning how to play the acoustic guitar? Beginner students will learn basic chords and strums while practicing simple songs in a relaxed and fun small group setting! No previous musical experience necessary. Just bring a guitar and a desire to learn! Instructor approval is required to enroll in Intermediate class. *No class on 3/30.*



Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 23 - Apr 6	M	7 - 8 pm	\$60/\$65
Spring	Apr 13 - May 18	M	7 - 8 pm	\$60/\$65

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Dale Timmester

Group Guitar Lessons/Intermediate

AGE 10 AND UP

Take it to the next Chord. Designed for students with some guitar playing experience, students will continue to increase their guitar skills in a fun and relaxed small group setting. Instructor approval is required in order to register for this class. *No class on 3/30.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 23 - Apr 6	M	6 - 7 pm	\$60/\$65
Spring	Apr 13 - May 18	M	6 - 7 pm	\$60/\$65

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Dale Timmester

POTTERY CLASSES

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Children's Pottery

This class is designed for children to have fun and express their creativity. The children are taught various hand building techniques and learn to form decorative or functional pieces while having a good time. Fee includes all clay, glazes, and firings.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Spring	Apr 16 - May 21	Th	6 - 8 pm	\$80/\$85

Location: Community Arts Center Art Studio

Instructor: Kevin & Maggie Carpenter

Exploring Pottery Skills

AGES 10 AND UP

Through demonstrations and one on one instruction, explore the potter's wheel. Focus on individual challenges as you throw various forms. Explore surface textures and glazing. Fee includes all clay, glazes and firings.



Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Spring	Apr 14 - May 19	T	6 - 8 pm	\$95/\$100

Location: Community Arts Center Art Studio

Instructor: Kevin & Maggie Carpenter

POTTERY WORKSHOPS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Mothers Day Pottery Workshop

What a wonderful gift to present to mom or grandmother, by having her child or grandchild, paint a special piece of pottery, knowing it was specially painted for them. Fee includes all materials.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
April 25	Saturday	10:30 am - 12:30 pm	\$20/\$25

Location: Community Arts Center Art Studio

Instructor: Kevin & Maggie Carpenter

Spring Pottery Workshop

Children will have fun creating their own bug creation along with a flower pinch pot candy dish. They will make and paint their creations in the workshop. Fee includes all materials.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
May 4	Monday	6 - 8 pm	\$20/\$25

Location: Community Arts Center Art Studio

Instructor: Kevin & Maggie Carpenter

Fathers Day Pottery Workshop

What Father wouldn't want a specially painted one of a kind gift from their child. The children will paint a piece of pottery to make it their own to give to their father or grandfather as a Father's day gift. Fee includes all materials.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
May 29	Friday	6 - 8 pm	\$20/\$25

Location: Community Arts Center Art Studio

Instructor: Kevin & Maggie Carpenter

DANCE & FITNESS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Twirl, Dance & Pom I

AGES 4-7

This spirit combination class will use music and dance to introduce students to baton twirling, dance and pom. Students will learn basic baton twirling skills and terminology, along with a simple dance routine to demonstrate the coordination of baton and dance skills. Students will also learn a pom routine. Emphasis is having fun! Batons may be rented from instructor for a \$15 refundable deposit or may be purchased from the instructor for \$26.50 on the first day of class.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 26 - Mar 26	Th	4:30 - 5:15 pm	\$35/\$40*
Spring	Apr 9 - May 14	Th	4:30 - 5:15 pm	\$42/\$47

*5 week session

Location: Community Arts Center Basement

Instructors: Machele Stiehl

Intro to Baton Twirling II

AGES 6 AND UP

In this basic class, students are introduced to the sport of baton twirling. They'll become familiar with baton terminology, wrist flexibility and correct body positioning. New twirlers learn to combine basic twirling skills with marching and dance steps. Students learn a simple dance routine to demonstrate rhythm and coordination. Emphasis is having fun! Batons may be rented from instructor for a \$15 refundable deposit or may be purchased from the instructor for \$26.50 on the first day of class.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 23 - Mar 23	M	4:45 - 5:30 pm	\$35/\$40*
Spring	Apr 6 - May 11	M	4:45 - 5:30 pm	\$42/\$47

*5 week session

Location: Community Arts Center Basement

Instructors: Machele Stiehl

Twirl, Dance & Pom II

8 AND UP

This spirit combination class will use music and dance to introduce students to baton twirling, dance and pom. Students will learn basic baton twirling skills and terminology, along with a simple dance routine to demonstrate the coordination of baton and dance skills. Students will also learn a pom routine. Emphasis is having fun! Batons may be rented from instructor for a \$15 refundable deposit or may be purchased from the instructor for \$26.50 on the first day of class.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 26 - Mar 26	Th	5:15 - 6 pm	\$35/\$40*
Spring	Apr 9 - May 14	Th	5:15 - 6 pm	\$42/\$47

*5 week session

Location: Community Arts Center Basement

Instructors: Machele Stiehl

More Youth Programs on next page



Youth Sports Contacts

Fairfield Select Soccer (FOSC)

www.foscsoccer.com

Curt Jackson Jackson.cl@pg.com

Fairfield Optimist SAY Soccer

www.fairfieldsoccer.org

Jamie Blanton fosasoccer@gmail.com

TOP Soccer (for children with special needs)

www.cincytopsoccer.com

Bob Schindler (Cinn. Area North Pres.) . . . 588-4980

Butler County Challenger Baseball

(for children with special needs)

www.bcchallenger.org

Eric Pohlman (Chairman)

City of Fairfield Summer Swim Team

Kim Braunig (Braunig1@cinci.rr.com) . . . 376-0358

Fairfield Youth Athletic Association (FYAA)

www.fairfield-city.org/fyaa

Steve Sams (Football) 887-8450

Fairfield Youth Baseball Association (FYBA)

www.fairfield-city.org/guides

Rain Out Hotline 829-7292

president@fairfieldfyba.com

Fairfield Youth Cheerleading Association (FYCA)

www.leaguelineup.com/fyca

Jennifer Head jenniferhead.fyca@yahoo.com

Civitan Girls Softball

Nancy White 829-5163

Butler County Youth Hockey Association

www.butlercountyredhawks.com

Cincinnati Amateur Hockey Association

www.cincinnatihockey.org

Lindenwald/Fairfield/Hamilton Youth Basketball

Glen Hensley 829-4767

Fairfield YMCA Basketball

www.gmvymca.org

Fairfield YMCA 829-3091

Fairfield Lacrosse Club

(Boys and girls grades 3-12)

<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/FairfieldLAX/>

Matt Comstock 942-4131

FairfieldLAX-owner@yahoo.com

Fairfield Youth Wrestling Club (FYWC)

www.fairfielddywc

Jake Jacobs 858-3071

THEATER

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Project Art! Scholarship Fund

Scholarship opportunities are available to give Preschoolers through 12th graders the opportunity to participate in the arts at the Fairfield Community Arts Center regardless of their ability to pay. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 867-5348 for an application

Beginning Drama

AGES 8 - 14

This 6-week class is for 3rd to 8th grader who may have missed registration for Theatre A-Z or Acting. It will cover the basics of theatre such as blocking, projection and character development. Students will work together through theatre games and dramatic exercises to strengthen and develop acting skills. A showcase of scenes and monologues used throughout the session is presented classroom style on the last day of class. *No class on 4/2 & 4/9.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Mar 12 - Apr 30	Th	5 - 6 pm	\$60/65

WORKSHOPS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Kids Night Out

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

AGES 3 - 10

Parents can enjoy a relaxing evening out while their children ages 3 - 10 years old are having fun in our Children's Room. Kids will enjoy dinner (Pizza will be served at 7 pm), playing games, arts and crafts and a movie. Children must be potty trained. All participants must be registered by 4 pm on Friday.

Date	Day	Time (or after the show)	R/NR Fee
February 6	F	6 - 10 pm	\$10/\$12
February 13	F	6 - 10 pm	\$10/\$12
February 20	F	6 - 10 pm	\$10/\$12
March 13	F	6 - 10 pm	\$10/\$12
April 17	F	6 - 10 pm	\$10/\$12
May 8	F	6 - 10 pm	\$10/\$12

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructors: CAC Staff



Rent the Phalen Center at the Fairfield Greens

To rent the Phalen Center at the South Trace Golf Course, call 858-7750 for prices and availability of the facility. The Phalen Center overlooks the golf course with a spectacular view of the fairways and greens. Dates and times are limited, so call well in advance of your event to assure your date is available. Discounts are available for Fairfield residents and non-profit organizations.

TEENS & ADULTS AGES 13 AND UP

EDUCATION

TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS

American Sign Language/Intermediate

AGE 13 AND UP

This is a continuation class for students who haven taken ASL Beginner or haven taken ASL in the past year. Students will continue to learn new vocabulary that can be used in everyday situations and introduce sentence structure.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 21 - Mar 28	Sa	10 - 11 am	\$40/\$45
Spring	Apr 18 - May 23	Sa	10 - 11 am	\$40/\$45

Location: Community Arts Center Senior Lounge

Instructor: Heather Hudak

American Sign Language/Beginner

AGE 13 AND UP

This fun and interactive class will teach basic American Sign Language vocabulary that can be used in everyday situations. The class will include the following topics: finger spelling, numbers, family, colors and more.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 21 - Mar 28	S	11:15 - 12:15 pm	\$40/\$45
Spring	Apr 18 - May 23	S	11:15 - 12:15 pm	\$40/\$45

Location: Community Arts Center Senior Lounge

Instructor: Heather Hudak

ARTS AND CRAFTS

TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult/Teen Cake Decorating/ Wilton Course #2



Do you know the basic techniques of cake decorating? Take it to the next level. Rosebuds, rosettes, basket weave and rope border will be a few of the techniques we will be learning. No class 3/31

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 24 - Apr 7	T	6 - 8 pm	\$50/\$55

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Melinda Cromer

Adult/Teen Cake Decorating/ Wilton Course #1



Join us in this 6 week class and learn how to make homemade icing and learn the basic techniques to decorate your own cakes while bonding with your child. Star and shell borders along with drop flowers and leaves are some of the techniques you will be learning.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Spring	Apr 14 - May 19	T	6 - 8 pm	\$50/\$55

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Melinda Cromer

Teens/Adults Scrapbooking

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY

Bring your own supplies, but we will provide lots of sizzix die-cuts and some punches and scissors etc. A staff attendant can help with new ideas or assist a beginner. Babysitting for those kids that are potty trained is available. See Kids Night Out for details. A drink and a small snack will be provided.

Date	Day	Time	Fee
February 13	Friday	6-10 pm	\$5
March 13	Friday	6-10 pm	\$5
May 8	Friday	6-10 pm	\$5

Location: Community Arts Center Classroom/Senior Lounge

Instructor: Melinda Cromer

Video Game Design

Take your own video game idea from its first steps right up to the final stages before production. You will learn how to design your own character, create their story, map out game levels and more!

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Spring	Apr 15 - May 20	W	6 - 8 pm	\$50/\$55

Location: Community Arts Center Classroom

Instructor: Danielle Tipler

Fashion Illustration

Discover the fashion designer in you. This class will help you discover inspiration, develop observation techniques, and create fashion drawings in both color and black-and-white media.



Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Spring	Apr 15 - May 20	W	6 - 8 pm	\$50/\$55

Location: Community Arts Center Classroom

Instructor: Danielle Tipler

More programs for Teens & Adults on next page

Self Defense Course for Women

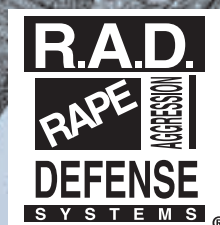


PRESENTED BY THE
FAIRFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

6-9 PM • WEDNESDAYS
APRIL 15 - MAY 6

Taught by Fairfield Police Officers Becky Ervin and Brad Wolfe, this comprehensive course for women covers awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance while progressing to basic hands-on defensive training. It teaches women defensive concepts and techniques against various types of assault by utilizing easy, effective and proven self-defense/martial arts tactics. Classes are held in Community Room C at the Community Arts Center. Preregister by calling 867-5348.

Enrollment is limited to only 10 participants.



ARTS & CRAFTS WORKSHOPS

TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS

Easter Candy



Come join us in this 3 hour workshop and learn how to make your own Easter Candy. Different colored chocolate suckers, peanut butter filled candy and don't forget that big Chocolate Bunny will be some of the items included in this workshop that you will get to take home to fill your baskets.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
March 28	Saturday	10 am - 1 pm	\$25/\$28

Location: Community Arts Center Children's Room

Instructor: Melinda Cromer

Mothers Day PMC Workshop

AGES 14 AND UP

Make a special gift for yourself or a loved one. Learn how to make a pendant out of Precious Metal Clay, its 99.9% fine silver. No artistic ability needed, just an open mind and you can create a one of a kind piece of jewelry! You'll be able to take home that day. Fee includes all materials.

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
April 27	Monday	6 - 9 pm	\$45/\$50

Location: Community Arts Center Art Studio

Instructor: Kevin & Maggie Carpenter

DANCE AND FITNESS

TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS

Spinning

SPINNING is a stationary bicycle program primarily aimed at achieving maximum energy output. Riders are led through a different ride each class by a coach. By using a variety of music and visualization techniques, riders can develop a strong mind-body connection that will build with each ride. Each class consists of a warm up period, a moderate to high intensity, low impact cardiovascular work out, and a cool down. Make sure to wear comfortable workout attire and bring a small water bottle, and towel (gel seat pads are highly recommended). Individuals of all fitness levels are welcome. *No class 3/30 - 4/4.*



Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 23 - Apr 8	M/W	8:15 - 9 am	\$55/\$60
Winter B	Feb 23 - Apr 8	M/W	8:15 - 9:15 pm	\$55/\$60
Winter B	Feb 24 - Apr 9	T/Th	8:15 - 9:15 pm	\$55/\$60
Winter B	Feb 21 - Mar 28	Sa	9 - 10 am	\$30/\$35*
Spring	Apr 13 - May 20	M/W	8:15 - 9 am	\$55/\$60
Spring	Apr 13 - May 20	M/W	8:15 - 9:15 pm	\$55/\$60
Spring	Apr 14 - May 21	T/Th	8:15 - 9:15 pm	\$55/\$60
Spring	Apr 18 - May 23	Sa	9 - 10 am	\$30/\$35*

*Add Saturday Spinning as your third class per week for an additional \$15.

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructors: Amy Walanski (T/Th @ 8:15 pm), Amy Seilkop (M/W @ 8:30 am), Wayne Holmes (M/W @ 8:15 pm), Amy Walanski (Sat)

Body Sculpting

Body Sculpting a great way to achieve the firm, sculpted body that will help you look and feel better. Sculpting your arms, glutes, legs, and attention to your core muscles (back and abdominal), is provided in this twice per week class. Lightweights, resistance bands, and stability balls are used to achieve a creative combination of muscle toning and stretching. All levels of fitness ability are encouraged to attend. Bring your exercise mat and dress in comfortable workout attire. *No class 3/30 - 4/4.*



Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 23 - Apr 8	M/W	2 - 2:45 pm	\$42/\$47
Winter B	Feb 23 - Apr 8	M/W	7:15 - 8 pm	\$42/\$47
Winter B	Feb 23 - Apr 8	M/W	8:15 - 9 pm	\$42/\$47
Winter B	Feb 21 - Mar 28	Sa	9:15 - 10 am	\$25/\$30*
Spring	Apr 13 - May 20	M/W	2 - 2:45 pm	\$42/\$47
Spring	Apr 13 - May 20	M/W	7:15 - 8 pm	\$42/\$47
Spring	Apr 13 - May 20	M/W	8:15 - 9 pm	\$42/\$47
Spring	Apr 18 - May 23	Sa	9:15 - 10 am	\$25/\$30*

*Add Saturday Body Sculpting as your third class per week for an additional \$15.

Locations: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio (2 pm), Community Arts Center Basement Fitness Studio (evenings)

Instructors: JoBeth Yambrich (2 pm), Bob Combes (evenings)

Tai Chi for Health

This class is a gentle yet powerful form of exercise that combines fluid movements with energy circulation, breathing and stretching techniques. Improve muscle tone, balance and reduce stress. All levels of fitness ability are encouraged to attend. This class is especially designed for arthritis sufferers. *No class 3/30.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 23 - Apr 6	M	6:15 - 7 pm	\$42/\$47*
Spring	Apr 13 - May 18	M	6:15 - 7 pm	\$42/\$47*

*Adults 55 and older pay "R" fee

Location: Community Arts Center Basement Fitness Studio

Instructor: Julie McCarthy

Pilates Plus

Pilates is a complete mat based series of exercises primarily aimed at developing and helping to strengthen the core muscles of the body. This class is for individuals who wish to increase flexibility and develop their core (back and abdominal) muscles. Each class is comprised of a warm-up, Pilates based mat and stability ball exercises, and a cool-down stretch at the end. All levels of fitness ability are encouraged to attend. Bring your exercise mat and wear comfortable, workout attire. *No class 3/31 & 4/2.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 24 - Apr 9	T/Th	1:30 - 2:15 pm	\$42/\$47
Winter B	Feb 24 - Apr 9	T/Th	5 - 5:45 pm	\$42/\$47
Spring	Apr 14 - May 21	T/Th	1:30 - 2:15 pm	\$42/\$47
Spring	Apr 14 - May 21	T/Th	5 - 5:45 pm	\$42/\$47

Location: Community Arts Center Dance /Fitness Studio

Instructor: JoBeth Yambrich

Beginner Pilates Plus

Learn the basic movements and postures of Pilates in this class. Core mat and ball movements will be introduced to prepare for the Pilates Plus program. This class is geared for those who have not previously participated in Pilates and wish to learn more about this unique exercise program. Bring your exercise mat and wear comfortable, workout attire. *No class 3/31 & 4/3.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 20 - Apr 7	T/F	5 - 5:45 pm	\$42/\$47
Spring	Apr 14 - May 22	T/F	5 - 5:45 pm	\$42/\$47

Location: Community Arts Center Basement Fitness Studio

Instructor: Holly Gerth

Strength and Sculpt

Strength and Sculpt is a strength training workout that combines conditioning and strength training for an all in one workout. Strong toned muscles increase metabolism and your body's flexibility. This class will help you tone your body and have no impact on your joints. Enjoy a twice a week workout and get great results for those who want to reduce body fat, improve strength and stamina, and reduce stress levels. All you need is workout mat and a water bottle. We supply the rest. All fitness levels are welcome. *No class 3/31 & 4/2.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 24 - Apr 9	T/Th	6 - 6:45 pm	\$42/\$47
Spring	Apr 14 - May 21	T/Th	6 - 6:45 pm	\$42/\$47

Location: Community Arts Center Basement Fitness Studio

Instructor: Cynthia Savage

Core and More

A combination of strength and endurance exercises performed in a sequence to ensure optimal results. This extremely efficient technique can be specifically tailored for your needs with a variety of strength activities, cardio respiratory activities, and a combination of the two. Once you get moving you will not want to stop. *No class 3/31 & 4/2.*



Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 24 - Apr 9	T/Th	7 - 7:45 pm	\$42/\$47
Spring	Apr 14 - May 21	T/Th	7 - 7:45 pm	\$42/\$47

Location: Community Arts Center Basement Fitness Studio

Instructor: Cynthia Savage

Nia

Nia is a movement technique, a mix of dance, martial arts and healing arts. Combinations of 52 basic movements provide a cardio and strength workout. Each class is specifically designed to stretch all joints and muscles and is set to different types of world music. Students are encouraged to do the movements "your way." All ages and levels of athletic ability and flexibility are welcome. Nia is about the JOY OF MOVEMENT and about having fun while bringing the mind, body, spirit and emotions together. *No class 3/31 & 4/1.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 24 - Apr 7	T	8:30 - 9:30 am	\$42/\$47
Winter B	Feb 25 - Apr 8	W	6 - 7 pm	\$42/\$47
Spring	Apr 14 - May 19	T	8:30 - 9:30 am	\$42/\$47
Spring	Apr 15 - May 20	W	6 - 7 pm	\$42/\$47

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: Joan Scanlon

Youth Salsa Instructional Class

NEW

FOR TEENS AGES 13 AND UP

Especially geared for teens to learn the basics of Salsa dancing and get a great workout at the same time! This fun and exciting class will cover the essentials of Salsa such as staying on beat and dancing to music. Neither a partner nor experience is required for this class. Ask about a discount for taking more than one Salsa class with Herman. *No class 3/31.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 24 - Apr 7	T	4 - 5 pm	\$42/\$47
Spring	Apr 14 - May 19	T	4 - 5 pm	\$42/\$47

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: Herman Recalde (*Bilingual Instructor*)

Salsa Instructional/Beginner

Learn the basics of Salsa dancing and get a great workout at the same time! Salsa is the newest and hottest dancing sensation to hit the dance floor since Swing. This fun and exciting class will cover the essentials of Salsa such as staying on beat and dancing to music. Starting with the basics will make your dancing experience much more enjoyable and create a smooth transition into working with a partner. Neither a partner nor experience is required for this class. Ask about a discount for taking more than one Salsa class with Herman. *No class 3/31.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 24 - Apr 7	T	6 - 7 pm	\$50/\$55
Spring	Apr 14 - May 19	T	6 - 7 pm	\$50/\$55

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: Herman Recalde (*Bilingual Instructor*)

Salsa Instructional/Intermediate

Continue learning all of the hot Salsa moves in this class specially designed for those that have mastered the basics in Beginner Salsa or have adequate dance experience. Build on the fundamentals learned in the beginner class and take your moves to an entirely new level, on your way to working with a partner. Partners are not required for this class. Ask about a discount for taking more than one Salsa class with Herman. *No class 3/31.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 24 - Apr 7	T	7 - 8 pm	\$50/\$55
Spring	Apr 14 - May 19	T	7 - 8 pm	\$50/\$55

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: Herman Recalde (*Bilingual Instructor*)

Beginner Belly Dance

This beginner's class will be taught in the style of American Tribal Belly dance. This style has its roots in the gypsy dances of the Middle East, but carries the modern touch of American artistic sensibilities. It provides a low-impact workout with an emphasis on strengthening core muscles. It also helps improve memory by learning short choreographies, the artistry of the dance is uplifting. This class is the ideal way for women of any age, shape, or size to improve her physical and mental well being, and its great fun. Step out of your fitness rut and try something new and exciting. Wear comfortable workout attire. *No class 4/1.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 25 - Apr 8	W	5 - 6 pm	\$42/\$47
Spring	Apr 15 - May 20	W	5 - 6 pm	\$42/\$47

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: Brandy Mayfield

More programs for Teens & Adults on next page

Yoga

Need to find the connection between your mind, body, and spirit? Join us for a gentle Hatha Yoga class that will improve your breathing process, increase self awareness, and provide a challenge to your body without intimidation. Each class is carefully structured to give a well balanced workout for the muscles, joints, and incorporates mind/body dialogue through Yoga asana and meditation. Once students become familiar with the Hatha Yoga practice, the emphasis will shift to perfecting poses, developing strength, flexibility, balance, coordination, and grace. Wear comfortable workout attire and bring your fitness mat. Some classes may be held outside in the park. Individuals of any fitness level are encouraged to attend. Class size will be limited for personal one on one instruction. *No class 4/1.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 25 - Apr 8	W	6:30 - 7:30 pm	\$42/\$47
Spring	Apr 15 - May 20	W	6:30 - 7:30 pm	\$42/\$47

Location: Elisha Morgan Mansion

Instructor: BevySue Hammons

Yogalates

Yogalates is a system of physical and mental exercises that join the body and mind together. Along with the benefits of Pilates mat-based exercises, which are aimed at core conditioning, attention is applied to flexibility, lengthening and strengthening the muscles of the body. These two systems join together to provide a combination of postures, breathing and relaxation techniques that enhance your physical well-being. Be sure to bring your exercise mat and wear comfortable workout attire. Class size will be limited to provide quality one on one instruction to individuals of all fitness levels. *No class 4/2.*

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 26 - Apr 9	Th	6 - 7 pm	\$42/\$47
Spring	Apr 16 - May 21	Th	6 - 7 pm	\$42/\$47

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: JoBeth Yambrich

Advanced Belly Dancing

This advance belly dancing class is for students who have taken belly dance previously (at least 2 beginner class sessions). This class will take you to the next step of American Tribal Dance. The artistry of the dance is very uplifting and provides a challenge to the core muscles. Take your belly dance to the next level by learning more extensive choreographies. Improve your mental and physical wellbeing by getting in touch with your inner gypsy. Wear comfortable workout attire.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 20 - Mar 27	F	5 - 5:45 pm	\$42/\$47
Spring	Apr 17 - May 22	F	5 - 5:45 pm	\$42/\$47

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: Brandy Mayfield

Core Basics

Get stronger and leaner! A strong core is essential to help your body maintain proper posture and alleviate weak back muscles. Learn the basics of working your core muscles with easy stability ball exercises that strengthen and help tone your core muscles by using light hand held weights, and explore the strengthening benefits of using the exer-tube. All levels of fitness are encouraged to attend. Bring a fitness mat, a water bottle and wear comfortable workout gear.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 21 - Mar 28	Sa	10:15 - 11 am	\$25/\$30
Spring	Apr 18 - May 23	Sa	10:15 - 11 am	\$25/\$30

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: Holly Gerth

Cardio-Kickboxing

Join us for a high energy, low impact, fantastic, physical workout. Cardio-kickboxing uses low-impact aerobic kickboxing moves that will help you increase your cardiovascular endurance. Plus, you get the added benefit of improving body strength, muscle tone, reduce body fat, and stress levels! Get fit without getting hit. This cardio-kickboxing class does not require any additional equipment. Bring your workout mat, a water bottle, and wear comfortable workout attire. Get ready for high-energy fun and fitness in this class. All fitness levels are welcomed to attend.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 21 - Mar 28	Sa	11:15 am - 12 pm	\$25/\$30
Spring	Apr 18 - May 23	Sa	11:15 am - 12 pm	\$25/\$30

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: Cynthia Savage

SOCIAL DANCE

TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS

Dance for Exercise

AGES 18 AND UP

...while you learn to Cha-Cha, Salsa, Samba, and more – no partners needed, but these moves you can use later on the dance floor. Come join us, get fit, and have fun!

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Mar 6 - 27	F	6 - 7:15 pm	\$40/\$45

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: Carolyn Rollin

Wireless WWW at the CAC

The Fairfield Community Arts Center has gone wireless! Staying productive is easier and more convenient than ever. Relax in the comfort of the lounge or café areas as you wait while your family member attends classes or other Parks and Recreation activities. Or just enjoy the welcoming atmosphere at the Arts Center while you stay connected. Whatever your needs, you can check your e-mail, access your corporate network, download files, and more!

Pick up a User Guide at the Front Desk of the Community Arts Center. You can be online in just seconds!



Swing Dancing

Come see why this dance has been popular forever; learn the basic turns, pivots, spins and more. You and your partner will never want to leave the dance floor. Partners are highly recommended, smooth soled shoes are a must.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Spring	Apr 17 – May 15	F	6:30 – 7:30 pm	\$40/\$45

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: Carolyn Rollin

Ballroom Intermediate/Advanced Dancing

Learn more steps in the Fox Trot, Waltz, and Tango. Included is an introduction to Cha Cha, a fun and practical dance that will enhance what you have learned and will expand your abilities. Partners are highly recommended, smooth soled shoes are a must. Participants must have taken two or more beginner level classes from Carolyn before taking this class.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 27 - Mar 20	F	7:15 - 8:30 pm	\$40/\$45
Spring	Apr 17 - May 15	F	7:30 - 8:30 pm	\$40/\$45

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: Carolyn Rollin

Dancing for Weddings

Designed especially for the bride and groom, their family and friends who want to learn what dancing with a partner is all about. This class will include steps such as the Waltz, Tango, Fox Trot, and Slow Partner Dance. Techniques for leading and following will also be covered. Bride and grooms can even schedule time with Carolyn to discuss ideas for their first dance. Partners are highly recommended, smooth soled shoes are a must.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Spring	Apr 17 - May 15	F	8:30 - 9:30 pm	\$40/\$45

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: Carolyn Rollin

Hot Latin Dancing

Learn the Salsa and Merengue, two of the hottest dances ever...you and your partner will see how easy it is to dance together, leading and following (the secret of dancing with a partner is included). Partners are highly recommended and smooth soled shoes are a must.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 27 - Mar 20	F	8:30 - 9:45 pm	\$40/\$45

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: Carolyn Rollin

POTTERY CLASSES

TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Pottery

Classes are designed for beginners and intermediate students. The main focus will be to develop your wheel throwing, hand-building, glazing, and decorating skills. Instructor will work with each student at their individual level, while maintaining a fun and creative atmosphere. Fee includes all clay, glazes, and firings.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Spring	Apr 15 - May 20	W	1 - 3 pm	\$95/\$100
Spring	Apr 15 - May 20	W	6 - 8 pm	\$95/\$100

Location: Community Arts Center Art Studio

Instructor: Kevin & Maggie Carpenter

Exploring Pottery Skills

Through demonstrations and one on one instruction, explore the potter's wheel. Focus on individual challenges as you throw various forms. Explore surface textures and glazing. Fee includes all clay, glazes and firings.

Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Spring	Apr 14 - May 19	T	6 - 8 pm	\$95/\$100

Location: Community Arts Center Art Studio

Instructor: Kevin & Maggie Carpenter

Parent to Parent

Learn while helping each other

Feel you could benefit from comparing notes with other parents who likely are facing the same issues as you? If so, consider participating in Parent to Parent, a free support group to help parents gain confidence, control and connect with their children.

This unique four week program offers a chance for parents to share experiences, gain support and insightful answers to strengthening family relationships.

To register, contact Tammy Simpson at 513-615-1917. The group meets at the Fairfield YMCA at 5220 Bibury Road. The time for the weekly meeting will be provided at registration

Parent to Parent Meeting Schedule

Series	Day	Date
February	Tuesday	3, 10, 17 & 24
April	Tuesday	7, 14, 21 & 28
June	Tuesday	2, 9, 16 & 23
August	Tuesday	4, 11, 18 & 25
September	Tuesday	8, 15, 22 & 29
November	Tuesday	3, 10, 17 & 24

Classes are not offered during March, May, July, October or December

55 PLUS

YOUR CONNECTION TO PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES
FOR ADULTS 55 YEARS AND BETTER!

Senior Lounge

The Senior Lounge is open to adults 55 years and better. Hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Parking spaces are located outside the Senior Lounge in the west parking lot allowing easier accessibility to the lounge.

55 Plus Newsletter

55 Plus News is a bi-monthly newsletter for adults 55 years and better. The publication details upcoming events and programs offered through the Parks & Recreation Department at the Community Arts Center. If you wish to be added to the 55 Plus mailing list, please call the Parks office at 867-5348.

For More Information

Contact Brad Williams, Senior Adult Programmer

Phone: 896-8407

Email: seniors@fairfield-city.org

Web: www.fairfield-city.org/Seniors

CARDS & GAMES

Activity	Day	Time	Location
500	Tu	1 pm	Senior Lounge
BINGO	Th	3 pm	Community Room
Bridge Tournament	F	12:45 pm	Senior Lounge
Euchre	Th	1 pm	Senior Lounge
Hand & Foot	T/F	10 am	Senior Lounge
Hearts	W	10 am	Senior Lounge
Mah Jongg	M	1 pm	Community Room
Pitch	M	1 pm	Senior Lounge
Shuffleboard	T/Th/F	1 pm	Basement
Texas Hold 'Em	W	1 pm	Senior Lounge
Wii Bowling	T	10 am	Senior Lounge

LIFELONG LEARNING

The Institute for Learning in Retirement

The Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) at Miami University provides learning opportunities for all persons age 50 or above who are retired or semi-retired. In cooperation with the Fairfield Parks & Recreation Department, learning opportunities are now being offered at the Community Arts Center. No particular experience or educational background is required. For more information, please contact Lifelong Learning, Miami University at 513-529-8600 or email lifelong@muohio.edu. Registration forms and class offerings are available in the Senior Adult Lounge and online at www.muohio.edu/LLL/ilr.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

Cookouts & Carry-Ins

Tired of waiting for something to do? Well, wait no more! The Fairfield Parks & Recreation Department puts on a great monthly carry-in dinner at the Community Arts Center. There will be plenty of food and entertainment to pass the time by. Bring your friends and neighbors or come by yourself and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Please check the 55 Plus News for themes and times of upcoming cookouts.

Donut Days

Enjoy a warm cup of coffee and a donut in the Senior Lounge. Come to socialize with friends, surf the internet, watch Sports Center on the television, or read up on current events in the morning newspaper. A tasteful way to start your day!

Date	Time
2nd Thursday/Month	9 am
4th Wednesday/Month	9 am

Location: Community Arts Center Senior Lounge

Game Day/Night

Game Day/Night brings people together in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Every month we will get together for an evening of games, food, and prizes. This is a great way to learn a new game and to meet new people. Cost is \$3. Check the 55 Plus Newsletter for more information.

Ice Cream Social

Don't miss this delicious opportunity to meet with friends and neighbors while enjoying a bowl of ice cream topped with a variety of your favorite toppings.

Date	Time
1st Tuesday/Month	12 pm

Location: Community Arts Center Senior Lounge

Out to Lunch & Breakfast Bunch

Good food and great times is what it's all about. Bring your friends and meet new people as we tour area restaurants.

Date	Time
Breakfast: 2nd Friday/Month	9 am
Lunch: 4th Friday/Month	11 am

Location: Check the 55 Plus Newsletter for dates and locations.

DANCE

Soft Shoe/Tap Dance

Dance your way to a healthier you. This class uses low impact movements and exercises to develop your music timing and tap dance routines. Soft shoes or tap shoes may be worn in this class.

Session	Date	Day	Time	Fee
Winter B	Feb 23 - Mar 23	M	1 - 1:45 pm	\$35
Spring	Apr 6 - May 11	M	1 - 1:45 pm	\$42*

* Spring session is 6 weeks long

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: Jean Meyers

EXERCISE/FITNESS

Stretch, Flex, and Move

Geared toward the active senior, this class uses low impact movement, basic stretching techniques, and light resistance training to help strengthen the body, improve flexibility, and increase energy levels. This class uses light hand held weights and resistance bands to improve muscle tone and maintain muscle mass. No class 3/30 & 4/1.

Session	Date	Day	Time	Fee
Winter B	Feb 23 - Apr 8	M/W	9:30 - 10:30 am	\$42
Spring	Apr 13 - May 20	M/W	9:30 - 10:30 am	\$42

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

Instructor: Bonnie Fahl

Tai Chi for Health

This class is a gentle yet powerful form of exercise that combines fluid movements with energy circulation, breathing and stretching techniques. Improve muscle tone, balance and reduce stress. All levels of fitness ability are encouraged to attend. This class is especially designed for arthritis sufferers. No class 3/30.



Session	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
Winter B	Feb 23 - Apr 6	M	6:15 - 7 pm	\$42/\$47*
Spring	Apr 13 - May 18	M	6:15 - 7 pm	\$42/\$47*

* Adults 55 and older pay "R" fee

Location: Community Arts Center Basement Fitness Studio

Instructor: Julie McCarthy

Staying Fit

This class, set to music, uses light hand held weights, resistance bands, and one's own body weight for a gentle toning and energizing twice weekly class. All levels of fitness ability are encouraged to attend. No class 3/31 & 4/2.

Session	Date	Day	Time	Fee
Winter B	Feb 24 - Apr 9	T/Th	9:30 - 10:30 am	\$42
Spring	Apr 14 - May 21	T/Th	9:30 - 10:30 am	\$42

Location: Community Arts Center Dance/Fitness Studio

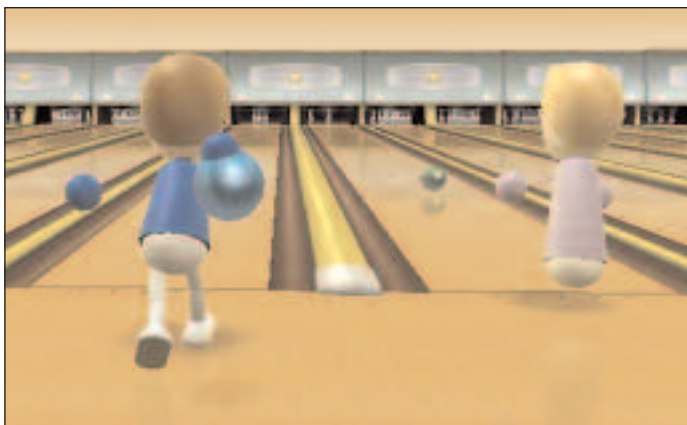
Instructor: JoBeth Yambrich

Wii Bowling

Wii Bowling is a very realistic video game that makes you feel like you are at a real bowling alley. Join us on Tuesdays for open play and build your skills.

Date	Time
Tuesdays	10 am

Location: Community Arts Center Senior Lounge



PLAN YOUR EVENT OR BUSINESS FUNCTION AT THE COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

The Community Arts Center provides an ideal setting for a variety of events, big and small. The Community Room, with its terrace overlooking Village Green Park, is the perfect site for a wedding or party and can be divided into smaller rooms for business meetings and intimate gatherings. Discounts are available for Fairfield residents and non-profit organizations. The Center also rents the theater, with state of the art audio and visual capabilities, classroom, and ground floor lobby. For more information call 867-5348.



THANKS to our VOLUNTEERS

For the fourth quarter of 2008, here are some of the events and places where volunteers made a difference:

Adopt a Roadway/Adopt a Park

Many thanks to our Adopt a Roadway and Adopt a Park teams who went out to clean the roadways in the Fourth Quarter of last year. They are:

Environmental Resources and Community Forest Commission, Leadership Fairfield Alumni Group, Environmental Analysis and Solutions, LLC, and Girl Scout Troop #40283.

Make A Difference Day

In collaboration with **Butler County Success**, more than 300 personal hygiene items were collected for local families in need. **Angi Bushelman** and **Cari Wynne** from **Butler County Success** came to the City Building to help out. Another volunteer who came to help out was **Kathryn Fauver** who saw the event on the United Way website.

Pumpkin Patch

Liz Kellum, Shelby Ryan, Travis Stapleton, Anna Kathman, Katie Fogle, Caitlyn Creech, John Kendall, Derrick Thomin, Cameron Terrell, Kathryn Schmahl, Sarah DeGraw, Leah Katz, Cory Hart, Kelli Niehaus, Madison DiNardo, Caitlin Wells, Rebecca Lintz, Sarah Marcum, Tessa Casey, Hannah Adams, Meranda Goins, Taylor Bridge, Lauren Dunn, Madison Simmons, Alexandra Murphy, Rachel Kindness, Alexandra Burnett, Alexis Burnett, Jennifer Rohrbaugh, Stephanie Dykes, Aimee Wynn, Katie McClure, Vivian Chang, Allie Fowee, Chelsea Rice, and Maria Shular.

Blood Drive

Thanks to the following volunteers who came to help for the October 22 event: **Nancy White, Fran Bobo, Betty Cross, Dottie Dronberger** and **Barb Blevens**.

Fall RASKALS teams

City/Chamber Leadership Fairfield Alumni, Sacred Heart Girl Scout Troop #960, Sacred Heart Boy Scout Troop #967, Sacred Heart Cub Scout Troop #967, Fairfield High School National Honor Society, Fairfield Church of the Latter Day Saints, Center Pointe Student Ministries, Covenant Community Church, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Fairfield West Elementary, American Heritage Girls #612, Girl Scout Troop #5907, Girl Scout Troop #6901, Boy Scout Troop #960, Fairfield High School FCCLA, The Hassler Family, Civitan Club, Sherrin and Kent Rawlings, Carrie Synesael, Fairfield High School Interact Club and Fairfield High School Student Government.

Breakfast with Santa

Debbie Rhees, Kayla Hann, Marshanna McClellan, Kayla White, Alexis Burnett, Alexandra Burnett, Alexandria Ousley, Jillian Carter, Elizabeth Royse, Ashley Boomer, Brooke Betscher, Julianna Lynch, Chelsey Catron, Hannah Weeger, Jackie Clines, Hana Shaaban, Liz Nutt, Vivian Chang, Andrea Brunner, Kay Kuertz, Sarah Plunkett, Melissa Davis, Kathryn Schmahl, Emily Williams, Leah Katz, Taylor McClannahan, Jackie Mapes, Kirstyn Kreiner, Kayla Kreiner, Kandyce Kreiner, Ed Mayhall

Christmas in the Gallery

Cory Hart, Madison Dinardo, Charlie Shelton, Kandyce Kreiner, Meghan Cromer, and Debbie Rhees. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Claus for making our holiday so bright!

Christmas Around the World & Holly Days

Travis Stapleton and Debbie Rhees

Ushers

Charlie Shelton, Peggy Collins, Don Moore, Gay Moore, Greg LoBuono, Donna Hart, Cory Hart, Toby Ruben, Eli Shupe, LaVerne Strittholt, Lee Goodwin, Dee Wright, Shyanne Rowekamp, Ginny Dollar, Carolyn Cassel, Jean Thomas, Mildred Holland, Ruth Schindler, Bob Schindler, Bob Kinner, Pat Ragland, Debbie Daniels, Shirley Scrimmizzi, Joan Sebastian, Darvin Mueller, Shirley Grant, Jeanne Williams, and Marian Alf.

Senior Lounge Volunteers

Charlie Shelton, Martha Sagel, Harry Stark, Dave Raab, Ann Raab, Bob Schultz, Jackie Baumann, and Darvin Mueller.

Mail Couriers

Bob Schultz, Fred Frey, Greg LoBuono, Jerri Williams, Dave Raab, Erv Swillinger, Barb Wollebeck, Joan Sebastian and Darvin Mueller.

Income Tax Volunteer

Debbie Rhees

Municipal Court Volunteers

George Schwartz, Shirley Howard and Franklin Thomas.

VILLAGE GREEN

2009 Groovin' on the Green Concert Series

Bring your blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy the sixth edition of the concerts at

Want to sponsor a concert?

Want to be involved with the best event of the summer? Sponsorships are available for the 2009 Groovin' on the Green Concert Series. Every year local businesses help support this series that brings thousands of people to Fairfield and the Village Green area. As a concert series sponsor, your business is listed in all print materials (such as this newsletter and more), city website, and on signage at each concert (depending on level of sponsorship). For more information on sponsorship levels and how to get involved with the biggest event in Fairfield, contact Ben Strickler of the Parks & Recreation Department by phone at 896-8414 or by e-mail at bstrickler@fairfield-city.org.

Village Green Park. Every musical taste will be satisfied in this summer-long series at the park's amphitheater. The series will kick off with the Fairfield High School Bands on May 28 at 6:30 pm (*all remaining concerts through September 3rd will start at 7:00 pm*). Other great bands include the Miami Steel Drum Band and After Midnight, and many more! The complete schedule will be available in the next edition of the *Fairfield Flyer* or check the official home page of the Groovin' on the Green Concert series at www.fairfield-city.org, listed under "Special Events", for updates.

2009 Movies in the Park

This year's series of Movies in the Park, at Village Green, will begin on Friday night, May 1, with *Happy Feet*. A different movie will be featured throughout the summer on the first Friday of the month (except July) through October 2. In addition to the movies listed below, the Fairfield Fire Department will also have pre-show fun for the entire family. All movies begin at dusk.

Date	Day	Movie
May 1	Friday	Happy Feet
June 5	Friday	Horton Hears a Who
July 10	Friday	Bee Movie
August 7	Friday	Over the Hedge
September 4	Friday	Wall - E
October 2	Friday	Kung Fu Panda

Location: Village Green Amphitheater

Call to Artists

ANNUAL VILLAGE GREEN FINE ART FAIR

Fairfield Parks and Recreation, in partnership with Art On Symmes, announces a Call to Artists to participate in the Annual Village Green Fine Art Fair at Village Green Park on Saturday, June 20, from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Applications must be postmarked by Monday, March 16 for the jury's consideration. For more information and to receive an application, contact Ben Strickler at 896-8414 or at bstrickler@fairfield-city.org.

Fairfield Idol/Open Auditions

This is where it all begins in the search for Fairfield's next star. Open auditions will be held at the Community Arts Center to any resident of Fairfield and Fairfield Township (residence must be within the Fairfield City School District) ages 12 and older. Contestants will be asked to sing a portion of song acappella from the following genres: Pop, Rock, Country, R&B, or Standards. Contestants must complete a registration form that can be found on the official Fairfield Idol web page at www.fairfield-city.org/events/fairfieldidol.cfm or at the Community Arts Center during normal business hours (a parent or guardian's signature is necessary for individuals under the age of 18 years). Further dates of the contest will be available online and at the all of the audition dates listed below. (Elected officials, appointed officials, and employees of the City of Fairfield and their immediate family members are prohibited from participation in this contest.)



Session	Date	Day	Time	Location
Audition 1	May 6	W	6:30 pm	CAC Classroom
Audition 2	May 12	T	6:30 pm	CAC Classroom
Call Backs	June 2	T	6:30 pm	CAC Community Room

FAIRFIELD AQUATIC CENTER

Located at 2605 Augusta Blvd., the Fairfield Aquatic Center offers a variety of features: diving boards, wading pool, large slide, sand volleyball court, sand play area, and a water play structure. We invite you to participate in our specialized swimming programs this summer. Qualified lifeguards and instructors are on duty at all times.

Season Opens..... June 10

Season Closes..... September 7

OPEN DAILY NOON TO 8 PM

*The pool will be closed the weeks of
August 24 - 28 & August 31 - September 4*

No flotation devices are permitted other than U.S. Coast Guard-approved devices. Small toys are permitted in the wading pool only.

Fairfield Aquatic Center Pre-season Sale

Pre-season Pool passes for the 2009 pool season are on sale at the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department office at 411 Wessel Drive. The pool passes will be discounted through 8 p.m. on April 15.

PRICE FOR PASSES PURCHASED BEFORE APRIL 15

Pool Passes	Family	Senior/Youth/Teen	Adult/Individual
Resident	\$225	\$85	\$110
Non-Resident	\$350	\$135	\$170

Youth Swim Team

Area youth, ages 18 and younger, are invited to participate on our summer swim team at the Fairfield Aquatic Center. All swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool without flotation aides. The team competes in the Tri-County Swim League with public and private pools. Practice begins 1st week in June and concludes with championships in late July. Those interested can attend an informational meeting on May 14 at 7 p.m. at the Community Arts Center, 411 Wessel Drive. The cost to participate on the swim team is \$75 (\$80 non-residents).



MARSH FISHING LAKE

Fairfield's fishing lake will open the weekend of Friday, March 6, for its 12th season. The lake is open weekends only until Friday March 27. Then the lake is open daily. If in doubt due to weather, call the bait house at 858-1685. Bait and some fishing equipment are available near the parking lot and entrance on East River Road.

2009 Fishing Lake Fees

Adults 16+	Seniors 55+	Youth 7-15	Child* 6 & under	Twilight After 5 pm
\$10	\$9	\$5	Free	\$5 adult/\$3 youth

Family Day Pass (\$20/Residents Only)

* with a paying adult

Youths under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a paying adult.

There is a two-pole limit for adults and a one-pole limit for those under 6 years of age. Lake rules are posted at the Bait Shop.

Special Events

On these special days, a new fishing pole will be awarded to the guest of honor catching the day's largest fish.

Event	Date
Mothers Day	May 10
Fathers Day	June 21
Senior Day*	July 4

* Must be 55 or older to win the event prize.

Customer Appreciation Weekend

SEPTEMBER 5-7

We will celebrate customer appreciation weekend at Marsh Park. The first 50, paying fisherman for each day will receive a free gift.

Youth Fishing Tournament

JUNE 13, JULY 11 & AUGUST 8

A Youth Fishing Tournament will be held from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the second Saturday of the summer months. The price of admission will be the entry fee, which is \$5.00 for kids ages 7 - 15 years. Winners will receive prizes.

All Night Fishing

FRIDAY, MAY 22 - SUNDAY, MAY 24

FRIDAY, MAY 29 - SUNDAY, MAY 31

EACH WEEKEND DURING JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 12 & 19

During these weekends, Marsh Lake will remain open for the entire weekend, opening at 6 a.m. on Friday and remaining open until 9:30 pm on Sunday. Regular general admission will be charged every 12 hours at the lake. For more information, call the Parks Department at 867-5348 or Marsh Lake at 858-1685.

Youth Learn to Fish

JUNE 6, JULY 18, AUGUST 1

Any Fairfield youth 8 years or older that would like to learn to fish can call Marsh Lake to set up an appointment with the Fishing Lake Manager. A one-hour session is offered between noon and 1:00 p.m. Each child will be responsible for paying admission to get into the lake. To sign up for an appointment, call Marsh Fishing Lake at 858-1685.

Fish For Free

WEDNESDAYS

Fairfield residents 55+ and persons of all ages with disabling conditions can fish for free at Marsh Park. The free program is offered as a "catch and release" program.

FAIRFIELD GREENS

Now is the time to make arrangements for your 2009 leagues and outings. Please call now to get early jump on open or work leagues. Discounted greens fees are also being offered now through February 28. Greens fees are currently \$12 for 9 holes/\$19 for 18 holes. (Juniors/Senior are \$9 for 9 holes/\$14 for 18 holes). Cart rentals are also discounted. For more information, call 858-7750.

Rates for Golf

SOUTH TRACE	Weekdays	Weekends/Holidays	Senior/Junior*
18 holes	\$23.00	\$27.00	\$18.00
9 holes	\$14.75	N/A	\$12.00
Cart Rental/per person	\$14.50 (18 holes)	\$7.25 (9 holes)	

NORTH TRACE	Weekdays	Weekends/Holidays	Senior/Junior*
9 holes	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$9.00
Cart Rental/per person	\$6.25 (9 holes)		

* Not valid on holidays or league play. To qualify, Seniors must be 55 years or older; Juniors must be 17 or younger.

SUPER TUESDAYS: \$24 per person to ride 18 holes (3 or more people and must make tee time to receive a discount).

GOLF PROS: DAVE HARTMAN & KEITH CRUTCHER

HARBIN PARK

Sledding and Cross Country Skiing

9 A.M. - 9 P.M. (WHEN CONDITIONS PERMIT)

Let it snow. Let it snow. LET IT SNOW! While everybody else is inside looking out at the snow, Harbin Park will be coming to life with sled riding and cross country skiing. Of course, we'll need the right snow amounts, but when we do, bring the whole family and your friends to enjoy the season. (Please note that the Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to close the sled riding hill because of inadequate snow cover, low temperatures, dangerous wind chill factors, lack of participants or for any safety related reasons.)

WATERWORKS PARK

Chipping Program

The City of Fairfield Parks Department will be accepting limbs and brush on the Second Saturday of every month throughout the year. The dates for the spring/summer months are March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11. The drop off will be in operation from 8 a.m. to noon. The location of the site is on Groh Lane, just past Waterworks Park. For more information about the Chipping Program, call the Fairfield Parks Department at 867-5348.

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION FOR ALL 2009 SPRING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.

Program registration is accepted at the Parks and Recreation office in the Community Arts Center, 411 Wessel Drive.

Walk-In Registration

All registration takes place at the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department Office in the Community Arts Center, 411 Wessel Drive. Walk-in registration is available on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Telephone Registration

Registration may be made by calling 867-5348 during office hours. Payment for telephone registration must be made by Visa or MasterCard

Programs often fill quickly, so please plan to register early. Please note that the Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any class due to poor registration.

REFUND & TRANSFER POLICY

Refunds will not be given unless:

- Full refunds will be issued ONLY if the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department cancels the program, rental, or activity.
- Refunds will not be given if requested less than 7 days prior to the day a program or event is scheduled to begin.
- All refunds will be assessed a \$5 Program/Processing Fee.
- Class or session transfers and changes made to facility

rentals are also subject to a \$5 Program/Processing Fee, unless the change is initiated by the Parks and Recreation staff.

- Exceptions: Participant moves from the Fairfield area before the program begins (proof of move must be presented). Participant becomes ill (must present a doctor's statement). Exceptions are still subject to the \$5 Program/Processing Fee.
- A charge of \$25 will be assessed on all returned checks.

USE THIS REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & FILL OUT COMPLETELY

OFFICE
USE
ONLY

DATE _____ INITIALS _____ RECEIPT No. _____

NAME OF ADULT PARTICIPANT (OR PARENT OR GUARDIAN)	LAST	FIRST	MI
	ADDRESS		
ID No.	STATE	ZIP	EMAIL
	DAY PHONE () -	NIGHT PHONE () -	IN CASE OF EMERGENCY () -

	PARTICIPANT NAME			BIRTHDATE			SEX	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	FEE
	LAST	FIRST	MI	MO	DAY	YR			

DOES THE PARTICIPANT NEED ANY SPECIAL ASSISTANCE? ☐ YES ☐ NO
IF YES, WHAT ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED?

WILL PARTICIPANT SUPPLY SOMEONE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE? ☐ YES ☐ NO

WAIVER: IN CONSIDERATION OF YOUR ACCEPTING ME OR MY CHILD'S ENTRY, I HEREBY, FOR MYSELF, MY CHILD, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNEES, DO HEREBY RELEASE AND DISCHARGE THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, ALL SPONSORS, COORDINATING GROUPS, VOLUNTEERS, AND ANY INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT/CLASS/TEAM FOR ALL CLAIMS OR DAMAGES, ACTIONS AND WHATSOEVER IN ANY MANNER ARISING OR GROWING OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN SAID EVENT/CLASS/TEAM. I DO HEREBY GRANT AND GIVE THESE GROUPS THE RIGHT TO USE MY OR MY CHILD'S PHOTOGRAPH OR IMAGE WITH OR WITHOUT MY OR MY CHILD'S NAME, BOTH SINGLE AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER PERSONS OR OBJECTS FOR ANY AND ALL PURPOSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, ADVERTISING, PUBLICITY AND PROMOTIONS RELATING THERETO.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION (FOR MINORS): GRANT CONSENT, IN THE EVENT REASONABLE ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT ME AT THE STATE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL, I HEREBY GIVE MY CONSENT FOR 1) THE TRANSFER OF THE CHILD TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL REASONABLY ACCESSIBLE; 2) THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANY TREATMENT DEEMED NECESSARY BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR DENTIST. THIS AUTHORIZATION DOES NOT COVER MAJOR SURGERY, UNLESS THE MEDICAL OPINIONS OF TWO OTHER LICENSED PHYSICIANS OR DENTISTS, CONCURRING IN THE NECESSITY FOR SUCH SURGERY, ARE OBTAINED PRIOR TO THE PERFORMANCE OF SUCH SURGERY.

LIST FACTS CONCERNING THE CHILD'S MEDICAL HISTORY INCLUDING ALLERGIES, MEDICATIONS:

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO CITY OF FAIRFIELD.
MAIL OR DROP REGISTRATION, WITH APPROPRIATE FEES, TO:

FAIRFIELD PARKS & RECREATION
CLASS REGISTRATION
411 WESSEL DRIVE
FAIRFIELD, OHIO 45014



YOU MAY FAX REGISTRATION TO 867-6070

TOTAL
FEES

AMOUNT
ENCLOSED

FORM OF PAYMENT ☐ CASH ☐ CHECK ☐ MONEY ORDER ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT INFORMATION

NAME ON CARD		
CIRCLE CARD TYPE	 	EXP. DATE
CARD NUMBER		
SIGNATURE		

Spring warmth to mark return of work on area road projects

The return of warmer weather will mark the beginning of work on several area road projects and the completion of a few halted during the winter months. The following projects are slated for work as soon as weather permits:

State Route 4/Crescentville Road: An additional southbound lane still requires a final layer of asphalt. The lane will remain closed until warmer weather allows the final work to be completed.

State Route 4/Michael Lane: Although the turn lane from northbound State Route 4 to Michael Lane is a bit uneven and uses a coarse underlayment, it has been in use. The lane will need a final layer of asphalt this spring. Motorists are

urged to use caution when using the lane.

Seward Road: Plans are to remove a small hilltop on Seward Road north of Union Centre Boulevard. The planned work will increase visibility and improve safety.

Mack Road/Shearwater Drive Traffic Signal: Once the mastarms are delivered, a new traffic signal will be installed along Mack Road at Shearwater Drive. Work is expected to be completed by summer.

Mack Road/Benzing Drive Traffic Signal: A new signal is being installed along Mack Road at Benzing Drive. The signal should be operational by mid to late February.

YES it is a camera.

(No, it's not a red-light camera.)

Stick one of these things at a busy intersection and people start wondering. But it's not what many think. This mobile device is a new camera used to observe traffic patterns for planning purposes. The high-tech system was developed by TEC Engineering to film accidents and near-accidents at busy intersections, like State Route 4 and South Gilmore Road/Holden Boulevard. The data collected will provide information that will be helpful in improving safety.



Help crews keep roads safe during snow events

Mother nature still may have a few surprises for the Fairfield area in the waning weeks of winter. Crews will address ice and snow, but residents can play a major part in helping crews as they work to keep roads safe:

- * Park all vehicles off the street, if possible, so drivers can clear the roadway more efficiently.
- * When using a snow blower or shoveling a driveway, do not put the snow into the street. Not only does the snow require attention by road crews on their next pass, a homeowner could face liability issues should their actions cause an accident.
- * Never allow children to play in snow piles along the roadway. A plow operator may not see them when approaching in less than optimal weather conditions, or if the children have burrowed into the pile.
- * If possible, wait until the plow has finished the street before shoveling the area of a driveway near the street. Plow operators are simply doing their job by clearing the street. The snow must be pushed to the side of the road, which also includes driveway entrances.
- * Do not try to pass a snowplow or salt truck. Stay 100 feet back from salt trucks.
- * Every truck has blind spots, so don't assume the driver can see every area around the truck. Never pull up behind a salt truck.
- * The City will not take requests for streets to be plowed. The City is divided into areas, with priorities within each area. Heaviest traveled streets get first attention so that emergency vehicles can pass. Lowest traveled areas are plowed last.

City veteran Dave Crouch named Public Utilities Director

When Dave Crouch started working as a meter reader with the City of Fairfield in 1985, he never dreamed he would one day become Fairfield Public Utilities Director. After 24 years of service to Fairfield in a variety of positions, he was named in January as the successor to Dwight Culbertson, who held the position for 18 years.

Over the years, Dave was promoted to Operator Maintenance Person, Safety Coordinator and Special Projects Coordinator before being named Customer Service Manager in 2000. In his most recent position, he was an ombudsman working on a variety of special projects reporting directly to the City Manager.

He holds Class III Water and Wastewater Certifications from the Ohio



Dave Crouch, center, has been named as Fairfield's new Public Utilities Director. In his new position, he will closely coordinate administration of his department with Superintendents Gary Wick, left, and Drew Young. Gary directs the operation and maintenance of the Water Treatment Plant and Distribution Systems. Drew is in charge of operation and maintenance of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System. The management team represented in the photo has more than 70 years of combined experience in water and wastewater services.

Environmental Protection Agency. He is a member of the American Water Works Association and Water Environment Federation. Dave has been active with the Hamilton to New Baltimore Groundwater Consortium, of which Fairfield is an active member. The consortium safeguards the underground aquifer from which Fairfield draws its water supplies.

Dave has been Acting Public Utilities Director since mid November and was selected to head the department from a list of more than 140 candidates from across the country.

In his leisure, Dave enjoys automobile-related art, archeology and restoring cars. He is a past member and chairman of the Red Cross and a mediator for the Fairfield Center for Conflict Resolution. He and his wife Lisa have two children.



Summer Music Games return to FHS stadium July 16

Planning is well underway for the 2009 edition of the Summer Music Games, held annually at the Fairfield High School Football Stadium. Teams from around the eastern USA will compete in the July 6 event. This photograph was taken during a Summer Music Games promotion at the Fairfield Township Wal-Mart featuring the FHS Marching Band Drumline. For more information about the event, visit www.summermusicgamesincincinnati.org

At your Service

Never hesitate to contact any of the following departments with questions or concerns. They're here to help...

Police or Fire Emergency

911

Urgent, but not an emergency? Call 829-8201.

Non-Emergency	
Police/Fire Dispatcher	513/829-8201
Fire Department	513/867-5379
Building Inspection & Zoning	513/867-5318
City Council Office	513/867-5383
City Manager's Office	513/867-5350
Finance Department	513/867-5315
Income Tax Office	513/867-5327
Human Resources	513/867-5352
Municipal Court	513/867-6002
Parks & Recreation Dept.	
Administrative Offices	513/867-5348
Community Arts Center	513/867-5348
Aquatic Center	513/939-2782
18-hole Golf Course	513/858-7750
9-hole Golf Course	513/939-3741
Development Services	513/867-5345
Public Works Department	513/867-4200
Public Utilities	
Customer Billing	513/867-5370
Director	513/867-5375
Wastewater Division	513/858-7760
Water Division	513/858-7775
All Other Calls	513/867-5300
Telecomm. Device for the Deaf (TDD)	513/867-5392

EMERGENCY UTILITIES CONTACTS

Who to call for service questions

Butler Rural Electric Coop.867-4400
Natural Gas, Electric Service

Cincinnati Bell768-7800
Telephone, Zoomtown

Duke Energy421-9500
Natural Gas, Electric Service

Fairfield Utilities858-7775
Water, Sewer

Time Warner896-5455
Cable TV, Digital Telephone, Roadrunner

What if... Rehearse disaster... talk about it tonight!

Think about it. If your home caught fire in the middle of the night and immediate escape was the difference between life and death, could everyone get out? Would your children know what to do?

These tough questions should not be left to consider in the aftermath of a tragedy beyond imagining. Take some time NOW to plan and conduct a fire drill for everyone in the household.

The first defense is a working smoke detector outside of each bedroom. Make sure the batteries are fresh, replacing them each time the clocks are changed for daytime savings time. *(If you are worried about wasting good batteries, place new ones in the smoke detectors and use the batteries removed for other needs. A smoke detector*

must work, while used batteries could be switched to a less critical device, like a toy or flashlight.)



Plan escapes by walking through main exit routes. Seem easy? Now take turns trying it blindfolded while safeguarding each other in dangerous areas, like steps. Memorize how many steps to a stairway and how many steps down the stairway. If furniture is getting in the way, consider moving it.

Plan an alternate escape from each room in case the main route is blocked. If a window will be part of the alternate escape, check to be sure a child really can open it and climb out of it. If the window is too high for jumping,

consider leaving a rope ladder in the room.

Remind children to touch a door before opening it to be sure it is not hot, which would mean that fire is just outside. Practice crawling with your head low in the event smoke fills an area.

Make sure children know to escape first, then go to a neighbor's house to call 9-1-1. Never teach them to call 9-1-1 from inside a burning house.

Have a meeting spot where everyone goes once they are out of the house.

For more information, call the Fairfield Fire Prevention Bureau at 867-5378.

Guard against medication errors

Patients needing prescriptions should pay close attention to the medications on which they rely. While a doctor may have highly specialized knowledge, a patient's vigilance can go far in safeguarding themselves from medication errors.

Ask your doctor to write your prescription clearly. If you cannot read the notations, a pharmacist may have difficulty as well.

Directions should be clear and specific regarding how many pills should be taken and how often.

Prescriptions should include a brief

notation regarding the drug's purpose. Abbreviations should be used sparingly. When appropriate, the prescription should include the age and weight of the patient.

Zeros should always be placed before a decimal if the amount is less than one. A zero should never be placed after a decimal.

Fire Department ASHI affiliation enables immediate training certifications

Residents who learn their lifesaving CPR skills in a class taught by the Fairfield Fire Department will be able to immediately receive certification cards upon completion of the course. Previously, the course was offered through the Scarlet Oaks Vocational School and the American Heart Association. Participants needed to have cards mailed to them a few weeks after completion.

Firefighter/Paramedics who teach the CPR classes have now earned affiliation

with the American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) and can provide CPR certification cards at the end of the class. Not only does the change eliminate the need and time necessary to mail the certification cards later, the department saves the expense of having to teach the course through the vocational school.

Earning the ASHI affiliation also enables Fairfield Fire Department to recertify personnel in Advanced Cardiac Life Support without having to send them to outside agencies.

Property upkeep is key to neighborhood values

Property ownership is more than a source of pride. It is an investment. Protecting each property owner's investment is an important function of city government.

Just as important as consistent response by the fire or police department, a community must be consistent about enforcement of property maintenance requirements. With the recent downturn in the housing market, property maintenance has never been more important.

City Council has listed property maintenance issues as its top concern for 2009. While City Council did not enact additional rules regarding property maintenance, there was a clear direction to be more proactive at locating issues before they impact a neighborhood.

Of particular concern are property owners who repeatedly violate maintenance codes. Most violations, however, are addressed by a property owner upon notification by the Building and Zoning Division. In those initial letters, a property owner will often find



Gail Scherff



Brian Jump

helpful suggestions on how to correct an issue.

To better address Council's direction, two inspectors have joined the Fairfield Building and Zoning staff. One position fills a recent vacancy; the second is a new position.

Gail Scherff will focus her attention on more than 7,900 multi-family residential units in addition to various other zoning/property maintenance responsibilities.

Brian Jump will assist the zoning team in property maintenance enforcement as well as take charge of other new projects being developed; dealing with repeat offender cases, proactive property inspection and a neighborhood enhancement strategy.

In addition to expanding inspections, the Building and Zoning Division has developed a "Hot Line" for residents.

The "Hot Line," which is 867-5321, will allow residents to call in to report problems, talk to a zoning inspector, during office hours about zoning/property maintenance issues or leave a message after hours that will be addressed by zoning staff on the next business day.

During 2008, 4,613 property maintenance inspections were undertaken resulting in 1,144 citations.

**Property
Maintenance
Hotline
867-5321**

Guard against frozen pipes

Frozen water pipes can be a costly result of winter's worst. Since there's still a few bouts of winter left, here are a few ways

to safeguard your property:

- Be sure each resident knows the location of the main shut-off valve and how to turn off the supply in case of an emergency.
- Disconnect hoses from outside water faucets.
- Seal all openings where outside temperatures could effect water lines.
- Insulate water lines, especially near windows and in unheated areas such as basements and crawl spaces.
- Open cabinets under a sink or near water lines that are located on outside walls.
- Allow water to trickle from a faucet. A slightly higher water bill is less than the cost of damage and repair of a broken water line.
- If you have an outside meter, avoid removing snow since the snow acts somewhat as an insulator.
- If a water line freezes, never use an open flame to thaw it since it poses a serious fire hazard. Instead, use a hair dryer or heating tape. Small space heaters or even a light bulb could warm the pipe, however, be mindful of their potential to ignite a fire if not used with care.

Good planning: worth its weight in salt

Some area communities have expressed a concern about their sustained ability to treat icy roadways due to a shortage of rock salt. Fairfield, however, has an adequate supply of salt, thanks to a decision by City Council several years ago to construct a salt barn at the Public Works Garage. The storage facility is large



Crews load rock salt on a plow during blizzard-like conditions in 2008. The salt barn in the background can hold upward to 5,000 tons of salt.

enough to hold 5,000 tons of salt, enough for almost two years of average need.

Stockpiling salt during the summer also has enabled the City to avoid paying the current

cost for rock salt, which has increased about 275 percent over last year's prices.

City to receive largest incentive check, too!

Fairfield recycles more than anyone in Butler County

Fairfield residents recycled more material in 2008 than any community in Butler County. Together, residents diverted 1,958 tons of recyclable materials from the landfill.

Second only to Fairfield was West Chester Township in total volume. Residents there recycled 1,869 tons of materials.

The collective dedication of Fairfield residents has done far more than divert materials from landfill. Residents have earned a significant financial incentive for the City. Fairfield is set to receive a \$33,289.74 check from the Butler County Solid Waste District. The check is likely to be presented to City Council in late February.

The funds will help offset some of the cost for trash services, much of which is paid by the City. *(The charges paid on utility bills comprise only a portion of the overall cost for collection.)* Fairfield's incentive check, as with the quantity of materials recycled, is also the largest in Butler County.

While Fairfield did recycle more materials by weight than any other Butler County community, Fairfield finished second in a friendly countywide competition measuring the percentage of waste recycled. In the competition, Fairfield was paired with Oxford. Residents in the Oxford recycled 17.35 percent of their trash, compared to 13.40 percent in Fairfield.

Undoubtedly, there will be a rematch.

Considering the fact that significant quantities of materials have been recycled by each community, everyone is a winner. Not only have these materials been diverted from dwindling landfill space, vast amounts of energy and resources have been conserved through the use of recycled materials.



Community	Tons Recycled	% of Waste Recycled
Fairfield	1,958	13.40%
West Chester Twp.	1,869	9.44%
Hamilton	1,587	7.75%
Oxford	1,115	17.35%
Liberty Twp.	1,036	10.39%

Fairfield benchmarks its levels of greenhouse gases produced

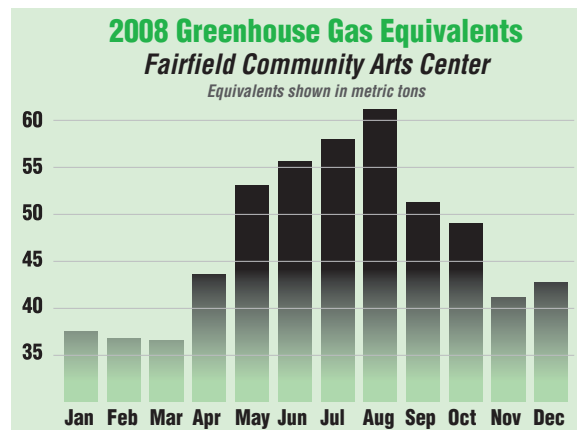
Produced by the burning of fossil fuels, greenhouse gases comprise a serious threat to the

Earth's atmosphere. Growing scientific evidence shows that greenhouse gases are causing global warming which could have a major impact on the environment for generations to come.

During 2008, Fairfield City Council issued a directive to benchmark the ecological impact of greenhouse gas emissions relating to City operations.

The City developed a computer data base that converts electricity and natural gas usage at each facility into greenhouse gas equivalents. The figures will then be compared to future usage

so that employees at each facility will be able to track their energy conservation efforts.



Benchmarks like this example from the Community Arts Center will help each of Fairfield's facilities track efforts to reduce greenhouse emissions.

Overall conversions of energy usage into greenhouse gas equivalents show that City operations were responsible for 11,388 metric tons of greenhouse gases. The figure does not yet include gasoline or diesel fuels utilized by motor vehicles

used by the various departments. Benchmarking efforts will track the City's fleet of vehicles this year to provide such a benchmark

The reduction of greenhouse gases not only will impact the Earth's ecology, but also will reduce the City's energy costs as well.

Home Improvement EXPO to be April 4

Planning is underway for the 7th Annual Home Improvement Expo. The popular event features a variety of local vendors who offer ideas and services to residents wanting to make home improvements.

This year's Expo will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 4 at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Numerous door prizes are given away, including a major grand prize.

In addition to local contractors and other vendors, Fairfield's various departments will have representatives available to discuss services. Among those to be at the event are City Building/Zoning Inspectors and Plans Examiners.



True teamwork defined 4th Quarter STARS

The fourth quarter STAR Award honored the many Fairfield employees who demonstrated their uncommon dedication in response to the September 14 hurricane force wind storm that raked across the area.

Fire Department: At approximately 2 p.m., dispatchers began receiving calls about trees and power lines that had been blown down by the extreme wind gusts, causing unsafe conditions throughout the City. By 4 p.m., the Fire Department recalled all off-duty personnel. Almost immediately, 12 off-duty personnel responded. Even more calls flooded the Communications Center the next day as restoration of power to some areas caused arcing wires and tree fires. In a 72-hour period, 88 calls were received for fire-related services and 70 calls for emergency medical services.

Police Department: Demand for police services required first shift personnel — a Sergeant and five Officers — be held over to augment second shift personnel, including a Sergeant and seven Officers. In addition, third shift was called in early. The most significant need was for assistance in the Communications Center with the high call volume. The City's Communication Center has ten incoming lines. For the first several hours, all lines were constantly active. The volume override actually resulted in calls being rolled over from Hamilton and West Chester, while undoubtedly the same thing happened in reverse, thus increasing the need for coordination on call follow-up.

Until the power was completely restored throughout the City, Police Officers worked 12-hour shifts. On Thursday, officers went door-to-door personally checking on residents in areas where power was in the process of being restored by Duke Energy.

Public Works, Parks & Utilities: Immediately, 15 personnel responded for assistance with downed trees. Crews worked well into the evening clearing debris from streets and installing barricades on streets with downed power lines. The next morning, crews began picking up brush, removing trees from the roadways, installing small generators to power signals without battery backups; and coordination was begun with Duke and Butler Regional Electric to remove trees from roadways where power lines were involved.

After a review of the operation following the first week of clean-up, it was estimated that based on the area and volume of material to be picked up that the clean-up would take approximately 8 - 10 weeks which would have impacted the Leaf Pickup Program, prompting a strategy to move through the City in a systematic fashion. Crews provided daily updates on their efforts, which allowed the office staff to keep residents accurately informed on when the crews would be in their area.

For five straight weeks, clean-up crews from Public Works worked 12-hour shifts on weekdays and eight hour shifts on Saturdays and Sundays.

Parks & Recreation and Public Utilities:

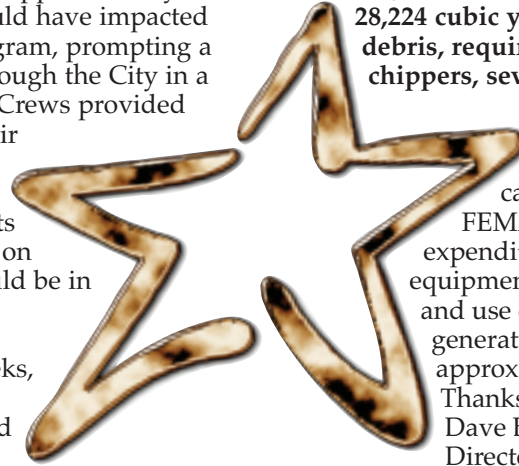
Personnel from both departments joined in the clean-up effort after finishing eight hours at their regular positions. They also worked weekends.

In all, the clean-up effort alone required 62 employees who collectively worked 3,419.5 hours of regular time and 2,991 hours of overtime for a total of 6,410.5 hours. They collected 28,224 cubic yards of brush and debris, requiring the use of three chippers, seven backhoe/loaders and 27 trucks.

Based on calculations used by FEMA, the City's total expenditure for labor, equipment, contract services and use of back-up generators came to approximately \$542,000. Thanks to the efforts of Dave Butsch, Public Works Director, his staff and

Finance staff in collecting all the data and completing reports, FEMA will reimburse the City for over \$406,000.

In recognition of their efforts, employees responsible for the joint effort were recognized as a group as STAR recipients for the fourth quarter.



Davenport earns STAR of Year

Diana Davenport, of the Fairfield Finance Department, has been named the City's STAR Employee of 2008. Her Service and Teamwork Above (and Beyond) her regular duties, as well as her commitment to teamwork were deemed superior during the year.

Diana has repeatedly stepped up to assume a myriad of responsibilities outside of her regular duties in Accounting. Diana assumed the duties of her immediate supervisor who required an extended leave of absence, assisted in the Utilities operation with a software conversion, and then assumed the payroll duties when the Payroll Administrator was on an unexpected leave of absence.

Diana managed her additional workloads while continuing to perform her own duties even when she was promoted to the position of Accounting Supervisor. The extra duties required additional work far past her regular work schedule.



Diana Davenport

Diana, and all STAR recipients of 2008 were honored during an employee function at the Community Arts Center in

January. Others earning STAR status during 2008 were **Denise Adams, Valerie Johnson, Thom Kuykendall, Jamie Ruhl, Heidi Schiller, Nick Spencer, Tom Wagner, Nikki Wiencek, Dick Wissman, and those noted above.**

Bits and Pieces

Some public meetings being held at Community Arts Center during renovations

Meetings of City Council, Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals are being held at the Community Arts Center during renovation of the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.

City Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays beginning at 7 p.m. Planning Commission meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6 p.m. The Board of Zoning Appeals meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Citizens are encouraged to attend and share their comments at public meetings.

Fairfield Historical Society offers monthly programs

Each month, the Fairfield Historical Society offers a free, informative program about local history. Programs are presented at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Elisha

Morgan Mansion in Gilbert Farms Park, 6181 Ross Road.

For more information about the Historical Society or upcoming programs, contact Debbie Pennington at 910-3258.

Snow Hill to be open for business at Harbin Park following a good snowfall

When Old Man Winter dumps snow on Fairfield, it's time for big fun at Snow Hill in Harbin Park. The park will be open for sled riding, snow boarding and cross country skiing from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The park will be closed, however, in the event of dangerously low temperatures and wind chill.

Certified arborist may help with tree damage follow-up

In the yards of many residents, trees remain damaged after clean-up from September's wind storm. In some cases, all that remains is a stump. Before

making a decision to remove a tree or a stump, a certified arborist or landscape professional may offer helpful advice regarding removal, repair or replacement of a tree. Local certified arborists can be found at www.isa-arbor.com, the international website for the International Society of Arborists.

"Big Ike" ready to power the Water Treatment Plant

A massive emergency generator is now ready for action at the Fairfield Water Treatment Plant. Ironically, the generator was days away from delivery back in September 2008 when remnants of Hurricane Ike raked across Fairfield and knocked out power to most residents for several days. Two separate power supplies connect to the Water Treatment Plant, however both were out after the storm. The generator had been ordered and preliminary preparations were already completed for disaster purposes when the storm hit only days before the generator could have been pressed into service.

Workers have named the unit "Big Ike," after last year's storm that blacked out the plant.



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